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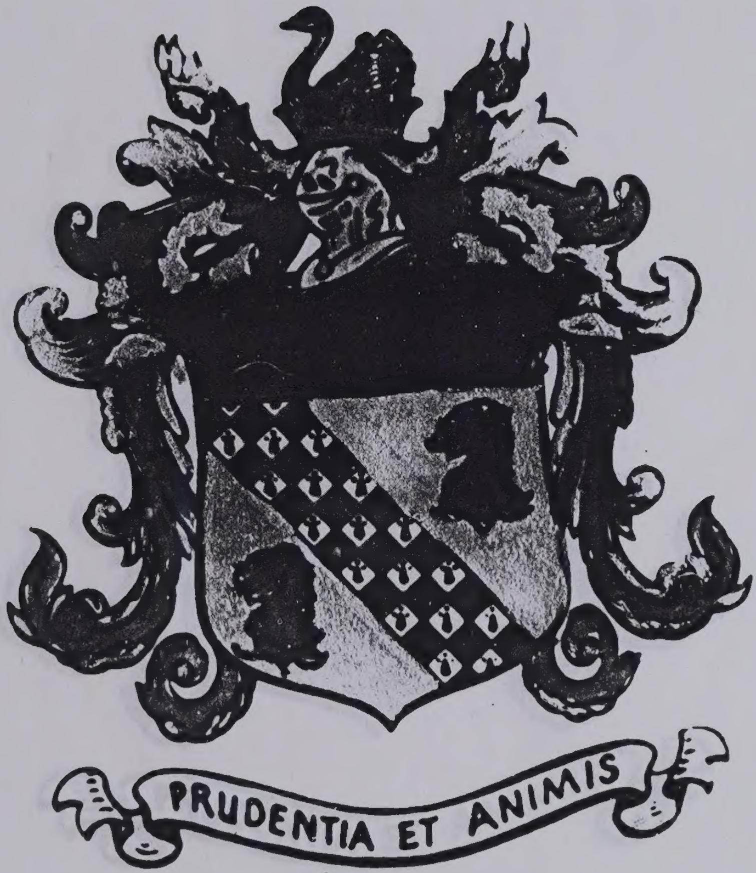
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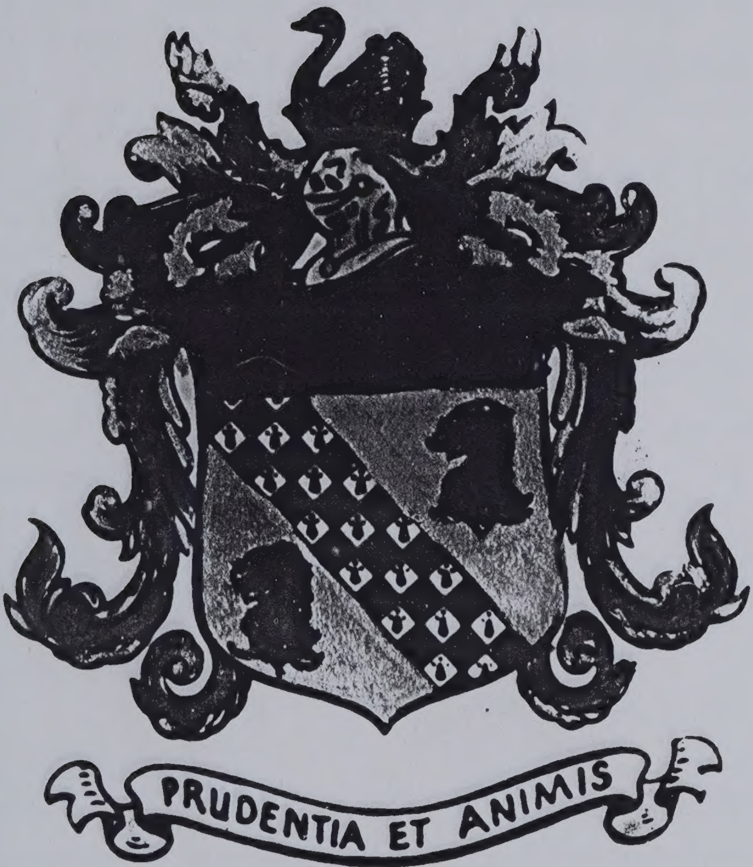
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JANE "LADY JANE" GREY "THE NINE DAYS QUEE Compact Disc #31 Pin #171107

Sex: F d. 12/2 1554 Beheaded Age 17

Event(s):
Birth: abt Oct 1537 Place: Bradgate Manor, Leicestershire, England
Death: 12 Feb 1554 Place:
Burial: Place: T[illegible] London, Middlesex, England

Parents:
Father: HENRY GRE[illegible] Pin #171240
Mother: F[illegible] Disc #31 Pin #171400

Marriage(s):
Spouse: GU[illegible]
Marriage: 21 [illegible] Middlesex, England

Personal Information:
Title: "The Nine[illegible]

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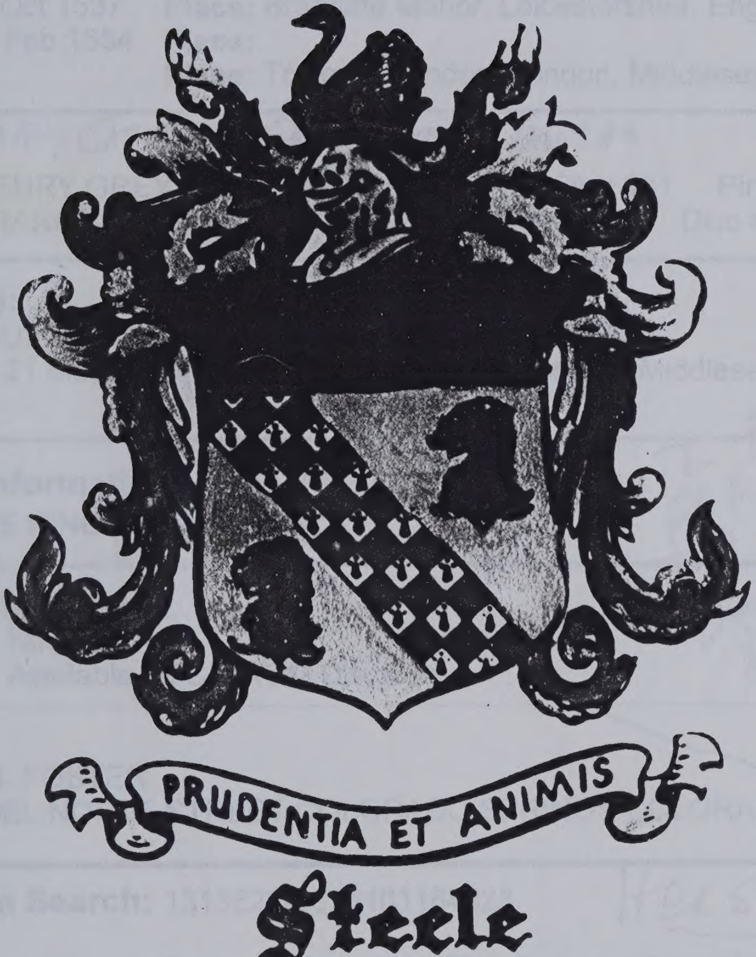

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JANE "LADY JANE" GREY "THE NINE SAYS QUEE Compact Disc #31 Pin #171107

Sex: F d. w/o issue BEHEADED age 17

Event(s):

Birth: abt Oct 1537 **Place:** Bradgate Manor, Leicestershire, England
Death: 12 Feb 1554 **Place:**
Burial: **Place:** Tower of London, London, Middlesex, England

Parents: DAU. CATHERINE GREY / [illegible] of ENGLAND
Father: HENRY GREY MARQUIS OF DORSET Disc #31 Pin #171240
Mother: FRANCES BRANDON DUCHESS OF SUFFOLK Disc #31 Pin #171106

Marriage(s):
Spouse: GUILFORD DUDLEY Disc #31 Pin #172363
Marriage: 21 May 1553 **Place:** Durham House, London, Middlesex, England

Personal Information: NINE DAYS
Title:"THE NINE ~~SAYS~~ DAYS QUEEN"

Notes and Sources:
Notes: None
Sources: Available on CD-ROM Disc# 31

R.W.

NOTE FROM KLAUS - FAMILY
FOR
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DESCENDED FROM JANE
GREY - it was her
sister Katherine
who we are
descended from

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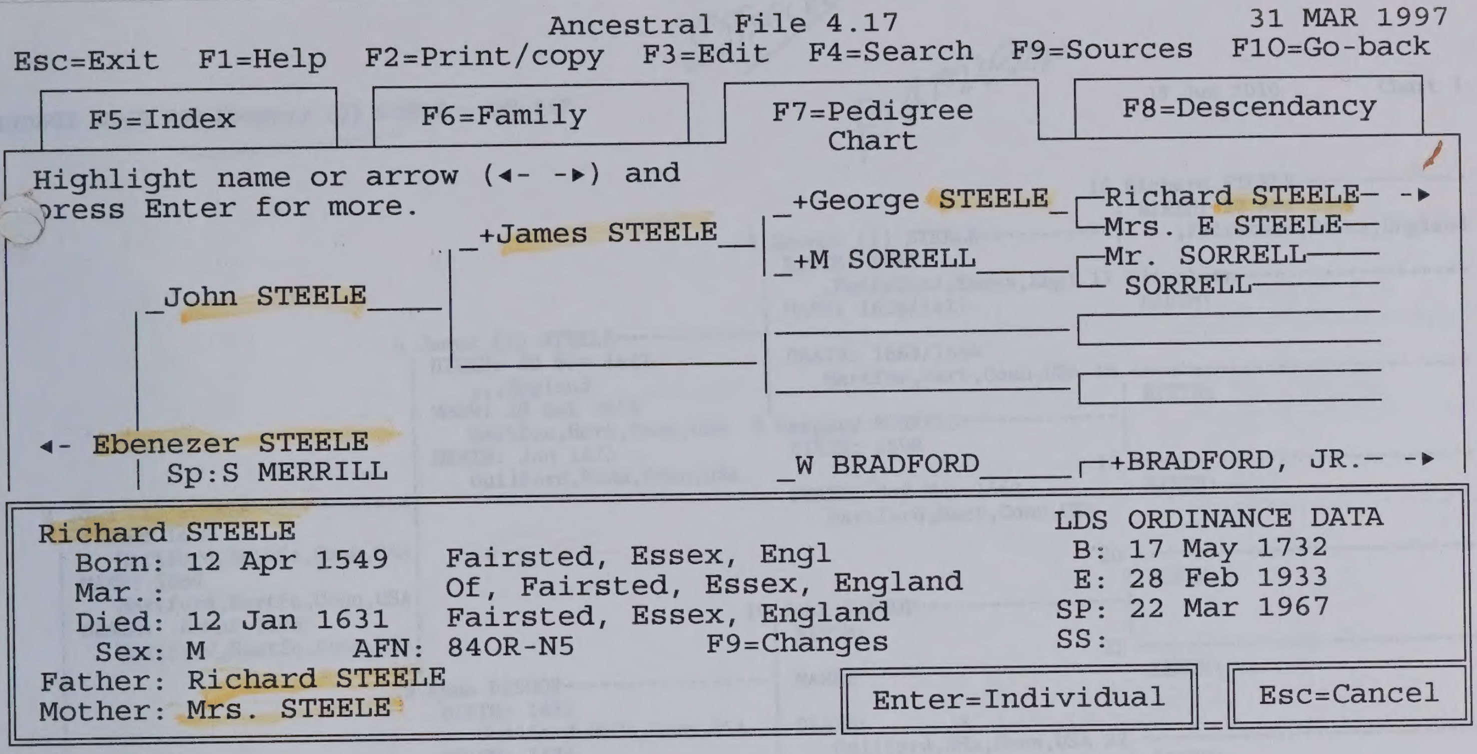

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                     |                    |_+M SORRELL_____ ┌Mr. SORRELL───
       _John STEELE__|                    |                 └ SORRELL───
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 ◄- Ebenezer STEELE
      | Sp:S MERRILL                       _W BRADFORD_____ ┌+BRADFORD, JR.- -►
 Richard STEELE                                      LDS ORDINANCE DATA
   Born: 12 Apr 1549   Fairsted, Essex, Engl            B: 17 May 1732
   Mar.:               Of, Fairsted, Essex, England     E: 28 Feb 1933
   Died: 12 Jan 1631   Fairsted, Essex, England        SP: 22 Mar 1967
    Sex: M       AFN: 84OR-N5       F9=Changes         SS:
 Father: Richard STEELE
 Mother: Mrs. STEELE                   Enter=Individual     Esc=Cancel
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PEDIGREE CHART FOR Ebenezer (3) STEELE - SWT.PAF                                               19 Jun 2010        Chart 1


                                                                                          16 Richard STEELE--------------✓
                                                                                            | BIRTH: 12 Apr 1549
                                                              8 George (1) STEELE-----------|    ,Fairstead,Essex,England
                                                               | BIRTH: 1589                |
                                                               |    ,Fairstead,Essex,Engl 17 Elizabeth--------------------
                                                               | MARR: 1618/1619              BIRTH:
                                 4 James (1) STEELE------------|
                                  | BIRTH: 30 Nov 1622         | DEATH: 1663/1664
                                  |    ,,,England              |    Hartfor,Hart,Conn,USA 18 -----------------------------
                                  | MARR: 18 Oct 1651          |                            | BIRTH:
                                  |    Hartfor,Hart,Conn,USA  9 Margery SORRELL-------------|
                                  | DEATH: Jan 1675              BIRTH: 1598                |
                                  |    Guilford,NeHa,Conn,USA                             19 -----------------------------
    2 John (2) STEELE-------------|                              DEATH: Bef May 1663          BIRTH:
     | BIRTH: 1660                |                                 Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA
     |    Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA|
     | MARR: 1689                 |                                                       20 -----------------------------
     |    Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA|                                                         | BIRTH:
     | DEATH:  6 Mar 1698         |                          10 John BISHOP-----------------|
     |    Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA|                            | BIRTH:                     |
     |                            |                            |                          21 -----------------------------
     |                           5 Anna BISHOP-----------------| MARR:                        BIRTH:
     |                              BIRTH: 1631                |
     |                                 Guilford,NeHa,Conn,USA  | DEATH:
     |                              DEATH: 1676                |    Guilford,NHa,Conn,USA 22 -----------------------------
     |                                 ,,Connecticut,USA       |                            | BIRTH:
     |                                                       11 Anne------------------------|
     |                                                           BIRTH:                     |
     |                                                                                    23 -----------------------------
 1 Ebenezer (3) STEELE-------------                              DEATH:                       BIRTH:
     | BIRTH: 13 Aug 1695
     |    Killingswo,Midd,Conn,USA
     | MARR: 1717/1718                                                                    24 William BRADFORD-------------
     |    Guilford,NewHav,Conn,USA                                                          | BIRTH: 19 Mar 1559
     | DEATH: Aft 26 Jun 1745                                12 William ) BRADFORD [G]------|    ,Austerfield,York,Englan
     |    Killingswo,Midd,Conn,USA                             | BIRTH: Mar 1589/1590       |
     |                                                         |    ,Austerfiel,York,Engl 25 Alice HANSON-----------------
     |                                                         | MARR: 14 Aug 1623            BIRTH: 16 Dec 1562
     | SPOUSE(S):                6 William (2) BRADFORD--------|    Plymouth,Plym,Mass,USA       ,Austerfield,York,Englan
     | Susannah MERRILL           | BIRTH: 17 Jun 1624         | DEATH: 19 May 1657
     |                            |    Plymouth,Plym,Mass,USA  |    Plymout,Plym,Mass,USA 26 Alexander CARPENTER----------✓
     |                            | MARR: 28 Jan 1650          |                            | BIRTH: 1546
     |                            |    Plymout,Plym,Mass,USA 13 Alice CARPENTER-------------|    ,,,England
     |                            | DEATH: 20 Feb 1704           BIRTH: Aug 1590            |
     |                            |    Plymouth,Plym,Mass,USA    ,Wrington,Somers,Engl    27 Priscilla D DILLEN-----------✓
    3 Meletiah BRADFORD-----------|                              DEATH: 26 Mar 1670           BIRTH: 1572
       BIRTH:  1 Nov 1664         |                                 Plymouth,Plym,Mass,USA       ,,,England
          Plymouth,Plymou,Mass,USA|
       DEATH: Aft 24 Apr 1739     |                                                       28 Thomas RICHARDS--------------✓
          Killingswo,Midd,Conn,USA|                                                         | BIRTH: 1572
                                  |                          14 Thomas RICHARDS-------------|    ,,,England
                                  |                            | BIRTH: 15 Apr 1596         |
                                  |                            |    ,Pitminster,S,England 29 -----------------------------
                                 7 Alice RICHARDS--------------| MARR: 1622                   BIRTH:
                                    BIRTH: 16 Jun 1627         |    ,,,England
                                       Dorchest,Suff,Mass,USA  | DEATH: 28 Jan 1651
                                    DEATH: 12 Dec 1671         |    Weymout,Norf,Mass,USA 30 Thomas LORING----------------✓
                                       Plymouth,Plym,Mass,USA  |                            | BIRTH: Abt 1573
                                                             15 Welthian LORING-------------|    ,,,England
                                                                 BIRTH: 1599/1602           |
                                                                    ,Dorchester,D,England 31 -----------------------------
                                                                 DEATH:  3 Jul 1679           BIRTH:
                                                                    ,,Massachusetts,USA


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            886 Lacosta Ln
            N Ft Myers,Lee,Florida 33917
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                                                              + means the individual is a child in another family.
                         Relationship: (B)=Biological, (A)=Adopted, (G)=Guardian, (C)=Challenged, (D)=Disproved
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PEDIGREE CHART FOR Susannah MERRILL - SWT.PAF

19 Jun 2010 Chart 1

1 Susannah MERRILL
BIRTH: 18 Aug 1700
WHartford,Hartf,Conn,USA
MARR: 1717/1718
Guilford,NewHav,Conn,USA
DEATH: 1718
,,Connecticut,USA

SPOUSE(S):
Ebenezer (3) STEELE

2 Daniel (3) MERRILL
BIRTH: 15 Jun 1673
Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA
MARR: 8 Jan 1698
Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA
DEATH: 18 Jul 1750
Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA

3 Susanna PRATT
BIRTH: 2 Oct 1680
Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA
DEATH: 18 Jan 1697
Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA

4 John (2) MERRILL
BIRTH: 16 Feb 1636
Newbury,Essex,Mass,USA
MARR: 23 Sep 1663
Hartfor,Hart,Conn,USA
DEATH: 18 Jul 1712
Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA

5 Sarah WATSON
BIRTH: Abt 1640
Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA
DEATH:
Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA

6 John (2) PRATT
BIRTH: 11 Aug 1638
Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA
MARR: Abt 1658
Hartfor,Hart,Conn,USA
DEATH: 2 Nov 1689
Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA

7 Hepzibah WYATT
BIRTH:
DEATH: 20 Dec 1711
,,Connecticut,USA

8 Nathaniel (1) MERRILL
BIRTH: Abt 1601
,Wherstead,Suffo,Engl
MARR: 16 Mar 1635
Newbury,Essex,Mass,USA
DEATH: 16 Mar 1655
Newbury,Esse,Mass,USA

9 Susannah WOLTERTON
BIRTH: 1585
,Wherstead,Suffo,Engl
DEATH: 15 Jan 1672/1673
Newbury,Essex,Mass,USA

10 John WATSON
BIRTH:
MARR:
DEATH:

11 Margaret SMITH
BIRTH:
DEATH:

12 John (1) PRATT
BIRTH: Abt 1607
,Stevenange,Hert,Engl
MARR: 1626
,Baldock,Hertford,Engl
DEATH: 15 Jul 1655
Hartfor,Hart,Conn,USA

13 Elizabeth YOUNG
BIRTH:
BURIAL:
Haartfor,Haar,Conn,USA

14 John WYATT
BIRTH:
MARR:
DEATH:
,,Connecticut,USA

15
BIRTH:
DEATH:

16 Nathaniel MERRILL
BIRTH: 1571
,Belstead,Suffolk,Englan

17 Mary BLACKSOLL/BLACKWELL ✓
BIRTH: 1 May 1574
,Wherstead,Suffolk,Engla

18 Stephen (1) WOLTERTON ✓
BIRTH: Abt 1580/1584
,Wherstead,Suffolk,Engla

19 Susannah ✓
BIRTH: 1587
,Wherstead,Suffolk,Engla

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BIRTH:

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BIRTH:

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BIRTH:

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BIRTH:

24 William PRATT
BIRTH:
Baldock,Hertford,England

25 Elizabeth ✓
BIRTH: Abt 1564
Baldock,Hertford,England

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BIRTH:

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PEDIGREE CHART FOR Nathaniel MERRILL - SWT.PAF          MERRILL       30 Jun 2010     Chart 1

                                                                                         16 Thomas MERRILL-----------✓-
                                                                                            | BIRTH: Abt 1444
                                                            8 John MERRILL----------------|    ,Wherstead,Suffolk,Engla
                                                             | BIRTH: Abt 1475              |
                                                             |    ,Wherstead,Suffo,Engl 17 ---------------------------
                                                             | MARR: Abt 1504                 BIRTH:
                               4 John MERRILL----------------|    ,Wherstead,Suffol,Engl
                                | BIRTH: 1500                 | DEATH: Bef  3 Dec 1528
                                |    ,Wherstead,Suffol,Engl   |    ,Wherstead,Suffo,Engl 18 ---------------------------
                                | MARR: 1521                                                | BIRTH:
                                |    ,Wherstead,Suffo,Engl  9 Anne BELCHUM----------------|
                                | DEATH: Bef 28 Jan 1552      BIRTH: Abt 1480              |
                                |    ,Wherstead,Suffol,Engl      ,Wherstead,Suffo,Engl 19 ---------------------------
  2 John MERRILL----------------|                             DEATH: Aft  3 Dec 1528          BIRTH:
   | BIRTH: 1545                |                                ,Wherstead,Suffol,Engl
   |    ,Wherstead,Suffolk,Engla|
   | MARR: 1569                 |                                                        20 ---------------------------
   |    ,Wherstead,Suffolk,Engla|                                                           | BIRTH:
   | DEATH: 12 Dec 1609         |                           10 ---------------------------|
   |    ,Wherstead,Suffolk,Engla|                             | BIRTH:                      |
   |                            |                             |                          21 ---------------------------
   |                           5 Katherine JOHN--------------| MARR:                          BIRTH:
   |                             BIRTH: 1502                  |
   |                                ,Wherstead,Suffol,Engl    | DEATH:
   |                             DEATH: 14 Dec 1551           |                          22 ---------------------------
   |                                ,Wherstead,Suffol,Engl    |                             | BIRTH:
   |                                                        11 ---------------------------|
   |                                                            BIRTH:                      |
   |                                                                                     23 ---------------------------
 1 Nathaniel MERRILL--------------                              DEATH:                        BIRTH:
   | BIRTH: 1571
   |    ,Belstead,Suffolk,Englan
   | MARR: 27 Feb 1592                                                                  24 ---------------------------
   |    ,Belstead,Suffolk,Englan                                                           | BIRTH:
   | DEATH: 17 Mar 1626                                     12 ---------------------------|
   |    ,Wherstead,Suffolk,Engla                              | BIRTH:                      |
   |                                                          |                          25 ---------------------------
   |                                                          | MARR:                         BIRTH:
   | SPOUSE(S):                    6 ------------------------|
   | Mary BLACKSOLL/BLACKWELL       | BIRTH:                   | DEATH:
   |                                |                          |                          26 ---------------------------
   |                                | MARR:                    |                             | BIRTH:
   |                                |                        13 ---------------------------|
   |                                | DEATH:                     BIRTH:                      |
   |                                |                                                     27 ---------------------------
  3 Prudence BIRD-----------------|                            DEATH:                        BIRTH:
    BIRTH: 1548                   |
       ,Wherstead,Suffolk,Engla   |
    DEATH: 22 Dec 1606            |                                                     28 ---------------------------
       ,Belstead,Suffolk,Englan   |                                                        | BIRTH:
                                  |                         14 ---------------------------|
                                  |                           | BIRTH:                      |
                                  |                           |                          29 ---------------------------
                                 7 -------------------------| MARR:                          BIRTH:
                                   BIRTH:                     |
                                                              | DEATH:
                                   DEATH:                     |                          30 ---------------------------
                                                              |                             | BIRTH:
                                                            15 ---------------------------|
                                                              BIRTH:                        |
                                                                                         31 ---------------------------
                                                              DEATH:                        BIRTH:
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BORN: 31 Aug 1762 PLACE: Derby,New Haven Co.,CT
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 23 Dec 1841 PLACE: Derby,New Haven Co.,CT
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 7 Mar 1785 PLACE: Oxford,New Haven,Conn.
FATHER: BRADFORD STEELE Capt.-216 PARENTS' MRIN: 64
MOTHER: MARY PERKINS-262

WIFE RUTH WHEELER-314

BORN: 17 Sep 1765 PLACE: Derby,New Haven,Conn.
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 20 Feb 1856 PLACE: SEYMOUR,New Haven,Conn.
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER: SIMEON WHEELER-471 PARENTS' MRIN: 139
MOTHER: SARAH BALDWIN-472

CHILDREN

1. NAME: EDMUND STEELE-315
---- BORN: 4 Apr 1788 PLACE: Derby,New Haven Co.,CT
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 8 Apr 1840 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: ANNA TUCKER-862 MRIN: 308
MARR: 24 Nov 1809 PLACE:

2. NAME: SARAH "SALLY" M. STEELE-500
---- BORN: 7 May 1791 PLACE: Derby,New Haven Co.,CT
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: CHESTER JONES-582 MRIN: 195
MARR: 20 Nov 1808 PLACE:

3. NAME: ASHBEL STEELE-501
---- BORN: 8 Aug 1793 PLACE: Derby,New Haven Co.,CT
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 23 Sep 1794 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME: WILLIAM BRADFORD STEELE-316
---- BORN: 14 Feb 1798 PLACE: Derby,New Haven Co.
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 24 Nov 1874 PLACE: Ansonia,New Haven Co.,CT
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: BETSY NORTHRUP-318 MRIN: 96
MARR: 1 Nov 1819 PLACE:

My ancestor

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WIFE RUTH WHEELER-314 Yr of Birth 1765

CHILDREN (continued)

2 of 4

5. NAME: BURR STEELE-317
---- BORN: 7 Jun 1800 PLACE: Derby,New Haven Co.,CT
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 11 Aug 1823 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: BETSY MALLETT-864 MRIN: 310
MARR: 7 Nov 1822 PLACE:

6. NAME: SUSAN STEELE-502
---- BORN: 17 Dec 1802 PLACE: Derby,New Haven Co.,CT
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 11 Oct 1804 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

7. NAME: ALMIRA (ALMYRA) STEELE-503
---- BORN: 22 Feb 1810 PLACE: Derby,New Haven Co.,CT
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: has other marriages
SPOUSE: JOHN W. HOLCOMB-356 MRIN: 117
MARR: 23 Nov 1832 PLACE:

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HUSBAND BRADFORD Jr. STEELE-267 Yr of Birth 1762
WIFE RUTH WHEELER-314 Yr of Birth 1765

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HUSBAND - BRADFORD Jr. STEELE-267

Birth: Conn State Library Vital Recxords, Vol.1-B, p.101;
Revolutionary War Pensions & Bounty Land Application Files #2278 (M804);
enlisted July 10, 1777 - served 16 months 7 days;
Census: 1790 - T498, 1, 95 - Derby, New Haven Co., Conn.;
1800 - M32, 1, 438 - Derby, New Haven Co., Conn.;
1810 - M252, 2, 530 - Middleton, New Haven Co., Conn.;
1820 - M33, 3, 8 - Derby, New Haven Co., Conn.;
1830 - M19, 9, 309 - Derby, New Haven Co., Conn.;
1840 - T704, 28, 3178(318) -Derby, New Haven Co., Conn.;
Descendants of Gov. Wm. Bradford by Hall, p. 103 & 377;
Graves of Revolutionary Patriots, Vol 4 S-Z, by Hatcher, p.71;
Seymour Past and Present, by Campbell; p. 558,559,591;
Steele Family History, by Durrie; p.31, 59;
Shows Children: Edmund, William, Burr, Sarah M. Jones & Daughter
Married to Holmead;
Decon of the Congregational Church;
Death: Seymour Town Clerk;
Steele Family Bible;
Will: Derby, New Haven Co., CT;
Derby, CT Land Records - 7 Jan 1824 - Vol. 23 p.419;
28 Sept 1832 - Vol. 26 p. 325;
DAR Lineage Book - Vol 44 p.232 and Vol. 26 p. 72;

WIFE - RUTH WHEELER-314

Birth: Town Clerk Record Book - Derby, New Haven Co., CT;
Barbour Collection-Conn. Vital Records, Vol 7MI - 31;
Revolutionary War Widow's Pension and Land Grant;
Descendants of Gov. Wm. Bradford, by Hall, p.377;
Seymour Past and Present, by Campbell; p. 559 says b. 16 Sept 1765 &;
p. 591 says 17 Sept 1765 which is correct;
Steele Family History by Durrie; p. 59;
Census: 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, with Bradford Steele Jr.;
1840 - T704, 24, 1538 (382), Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn.;
1850 - M432, 46, 358, Seymour, New Haven Co., Conn.;
Death: Town Clerk record Book;
Will: Seymour, New Haven Co., CT;
DAR Lineage Book - Vol 44 p. 232 and Vol 70 p. 72;

CHILD 1 - EDMUND STEELE-315

Seymour Past and Present, by Campbell; p. 559;
Steele 'Family History; p.59;

CHILD 2 - SARAH "SALLY" M. STEELE-500

Steele Family History by Durrie; p.59;
Seymour Past and Present, by Campbell; p.559;

CHILD 3 - ASHBEL STEELE-501

Seymour Past and Present, by Campbell; p. 559;

CHILD 4 - WILLIAM BRADFORD STEELE-316

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Wheeler

HUSBAND **BRADFORD Jr. STEELE-267** Yr of Birth 1762
WIFE **RUTH WHEELER-314** Yr of Birth 1765

Birth: Steele Family Bible belonged to him, given to him by his father;
Marriage: Steele Family Bible;
Death: Steele Family Bible;
Descendants of Gov. Wm. Bradford, by Hall, p.377;
Steele Family History by Durrie; p.59;
Seymour Past and Present, by Campbell, p.559;
Census: 1800, 1810, with Bradford Steele;
1820 - M33,1,301 - Bethlem, Litchfield Co., Conn.;
1830 - M19,9,309 - Derby, New Haven Co., Conn.;
1860 - M653,328,323 - Fairfield, Jefferson Co., Iowa, with son, George Steele;
Letters: 1859 - Fairfield, Iowa, with son George;
1869 - Chicago, IL, with son Truman;
Will: Derby, New Haven Co. CT - Probate Records;
Hale Collection of Conn. Headstone Inscriptions: Record Group 72:1 Vol 43; Cem. 221-4 p.83;
Derby, CT Land Records - 7 Jan 1824 - Vol. 23 p.419;
28 Sept 1832 - Vol 26 p. 325;
DAR Lineage Book - Vol 44 p. 232 and Vol 70 p. 72;

CHILD 5 - BURR STEELE-317
Seymour Past & Present, by Campbell; p. 559, 560;
Steele Family History by Durrie; p.59;

CHILD 6 - SUSAN STEELE-502
Seymour Past and Present, by Campbell; p. 550;

CHILD 7 - ALMIRA (ALMYRA) STEELE-503
Seymour Past and Present, by Campbell; p.559;
Steele Family History by Durrie; p. 59; Shows her as "daughter" married to 1st-Holmead 2nd-Davis;

Other marriages:
2 Sep 1849 HENRY P. DAVIS-357 MRIN: 110

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7. **John**, son of James and Anna (Bishop) Steele, m. Melatiah, dau. of Maj. William Bradford of Plymouth. Children:

11. John, b. 1693; d. 1712.
12. Ebenezer, b. 1695; m.
13. Berthia, m. May 17, 1709, Samuel Shepard.

12. **Ebenezer**, son of John and Melatiah (Bradford) Steele, m. Susannah —— of West Hartford; removed to Killingworth, where he died in 1746. Children:

14. John, m. Christina ——, Feb. 4, 1785.
15. Mary, m. John Dodd.
16. Daniel.
17. Susannah, m. Reuben Flowers.
18. Huldah, m. Nathaniel Flowers.
19. Melatiah, b. 1732.
20. Bradford, b. Sept. 22, 1734; m. M BELOW
21. Elisha, b. about 1737; m.

20. **Capt Bradford**, son of Ebenezer and Susannah Steele. came ① to Derby and m. Mary Perkins about 1755; she was born in 1731, ③ died Oct. 16, 1788; he m. 2d Sarah Wheeler of Derby, widow of Simeon Wheeler, who had been killed at the burning of Fairfield, Conn[13]. Capt. Bradford Steele commenced business with his father-in-law in Derby in 1757; afterward removed to Hartford, and from thence to Derby, on Little river, where he purchased lands, built shops and houses; was an officer of a volunteer company that joined Washington at Boston, and afterwards was captain of minute-men, and was in several conflicts defending New Haven and the coast along the Sound as far as New York. He was noted for his shrewdness, enterprise and strength of mind, and was prominent in the business transactions of the town. He died Apr. 10, 1804, aged 69. Children:

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22. Infant, d. of bleeding of the nose.
23. Susannah, b. Dec. 14, 1756; m. Nathaniel Flowers of Roxbury, Mar. 5, 1779.
24. Ashbel, b. Aug. 3, 1757; m. Eunice Thompson of Derby, May 5, 1779. XO
25. Melatiah, b. Mar. 9, 1761; m. William Keeney, Mar. 5, 1779; d. Mar. 9, 1827.
26. Bradford, b. Aug. 31, 1762.
27. Mary, bapt. Sept. 9, 1764; m. Edward Warren of Woodbridge, and settled in Watertown.
28. Hannah, b. Aug. 4, 1766, m. Josiah Whitney of Greenfield.
29. Daniel, b. July 14, 1768.
30. George, b. Sept. 5, 1770; m. Apr. 26, 1797, Esther, dau. of Dea. Buckingham of Oxford; settled first in Derby, then in Oxford, and finally in Exeter, N. Y.; she d. July 26, 1839.

M BELOW

21. **Elisha**, son of Ebenezer and Susannah Steele, m. Mary Merrells, Apr. 12, 1760; lived in Derby, and was associated with his brother, Capt. Bradford Steele, in mill enterprises and labor; his wife died at Hadley, Mass.; he m. 2d Eunice, widow of Lieut. —— Pritchard; he d. in 1805. Children:

31. Mary, b. Jan. 25, 1763.
32. Candace, bapt. Jan. 6, 1765.
33. Clarissa, b. Feb. 9, 1766; m. —— Pomeroy; lived in Hadley, Mass.
34. Lucy b. May 28, 1769.
35. Elisha, b. Feb. 3, 1771; lived in Waterbury, and d. in 1792.
36. Norman, b. 1780; m. (For his descendants see History of Torrington, Conn).

BRAD FORD

26. **Dea Bradford, Jr.**, son of Capt Bradford and Mary (Perkins) Steele, m. Ruth, dau. of his step-mother and her husband, Simeon Wheeler, Mar. 7, 1785; she was born Sept 16, 1765; died Feb. 20, 1856; he died Dec 23, 1841, aged 80. Children:

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[13] Steele Genealogy, History of Torrington, Conn.

From old Smith papers - #8 Levi Smith
Levi Smith (b 1774-)m- Ru[illegible] 11/15/1800
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6. Josiah, son of Abraham and Sarah (French) Smith, m. Betsey (1772-18[illegible]) Holbrook, July 30, 1795. Children:

12. Almond, b. April 19, 1796. - 6/16/1864
13. Almira, b. Oct. 5, 1797.
14. Betsey, b. Oct. 30, 1799.
Abel b 29 June 1814

SMITH, Joseph, m. Martha Bement, Oct. 11, 1722. Children:

1. Hannah, b. Aug. 18, 1723, d. May 3, 1757, aged 33.
2. Martha, b. Jan. 30, 1726.

SMITH, Joseph 3d, m Hannah Malory, of West Haven, Aug. 21, 1753. Children:

1. Jeremiah, b. May 26, 1754.
2. Eleanor, b. May 16, 1756.
3. Abigail, b. Oct. 18, 1757.

SMITH, Josiah m. Esther Smith, Sept. 8, 1773. Children:

1. Esther, b. Feb. 4, 1775.
2. Clark, b. Nov. 10, 1776.
3. Josiah, b. Sept. 11, (1778. - 1783) m - [illegible]
4. Sheldon, b. Dec. 13, 1780.

SMITH, Moses, m. Lucretia Hall, Feb. 28. 1780. Children:

1. Nathan Gaylord, b. Feb. 25, 1781.
2. Timothy Wheaton, b. Sept. 6, 1782.

SMITH, Josiah m. Esther Oviatt, Aug. 24, 1727. Child:

1. Elijah, b. June 28, 1729.

SMITH, John, m. Abigail ——. Children:

1. Enos, b. Feb. 16, 1760.
2. Sarah, b. Jan. 29, 1762.
3. Andrew, b. June 10, 1766.

SMITH, Daniel, m. Hannah Stiles, Nov. 26, 1734. Child:

1. Hannah, b. Aug. 14, 1737.

SMITH, Daniel, had children:

1. Lois, b. Sept. 20, 1768.
2. Ebb, b. Mar. 15, 1775.
3. John, b. Sept. 9, 1777.

SPENCER, Jehiel, m. Anne Patience Tomlinson, Nov. 6, 1775. Children:

1. Billy, b. Apr. 11, 1777.
2. Hannah, b. Apr. 9, 1779.

STEELE, George and John, brothers, born in Essex, Eng.; came to New England about 1631; settled first at Cambridge, Mass.; removed to Hartford, Conn. George was a proprietor of lands at Hartford in 1639. He was made a freeman in Cambridge in 1634; he died in 1663, as it is said, "very old." Children:

1. Elizabeth, m. Thomas Watts of Middletown.
2. Daughter, b. in 1640; m. Harrison or Henderson.
3. Richard, m.; d. in 1639, leaving children.
4. James, m.

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4. James, son of George Steele of Hartford, m. Anna, dau. of John Bishop of Guilford, and was a prominent man at Hartford; was in the war against the Pequots. Children:

5. Sarah, m. Samuel Borman, Jr., Feb. 8, 1682.
6. Lieut. James, b. about 1658; m. Sarah Barnard.
7. John, b. 1660; m.
8. Mary, m. —— Hall.
9. Elizabeth, d. not m.
10. Rachel, m. 1st Edward Allyn; 2d —— Demming.

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ASHBEL STEELE - ~~PERKINS~~ dup

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37. Edmund, b. Apr. 4, 1788; m. Anna Tucker; d. Apr. 8, 1840.
38. Sally, b. May 7, 1791; m. Chester Jones, Nov. 20, 1808. Children: Susan M., b. Aug., 1809, m. William Brewster of Erie, Penn.; Sarah M., d. Nov. 18, 1877; Mary A., b. Aug., 1811, m. Clark McSparren of Erie, Penn.; Julia M.; Ruth E., m. W. C. Curry of Erie, Penn.; Chester Bradford, m. Caroline Smith, lives in East Saginaw; Louisa, m. Doct. William Magill of Erie, Penn[14].
39. Ashbel, b. Aug. 8, 1793; d. Sept. 23, 1794. d. YOUNG ✓
40. William, b. Feb. 14, 1798; m.
41. Burr, b. June 7, 1700; m. ——
42. Susan, b. Dec. 17, 1802; d. Oct. 11, 1804.
43. Almira, b. Feb. 22, 1810; m. 1st John W. Holcomb, Nov. 23, 1832; 2d Henry P. Davis, Sept. 2, 1849; had George S., born Dec. 23, 1835; d. Oct. 17, 1842; John W., b. Nov. 2, 1843; m. Rhoda Langdon, Sept. 24, 1867; Mary B., b. Apr. 1, 1838; m. Samuel Howd, d. July 4, 1871; George S., b. May 24, 1850; m. Martha M. Cushen, Oct. 2, 1872; Burr S., b. Dec. 22, 1851; Alice, b. Feb. 2, 1854; m. Joseph T. Beard, Mar. 27, 1872.

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29. **Daniel**, son of Capt. Bradford and Mary (Perkins) Steele, m. 1st Rebecca Clark of Waterbury in 1789, who d. Mar., 1796; 2d Margaret, dau. of Richard Welton, Sept. 20, 1797; he died June 24, 1835. Children:

44. Austin, b. Sept. 17, 1790; m.
45. Daniel, Jr., b. Nov. 11, 1792; m.
46. Rev. Ashbel, b. Jan. 31, 1796; m.
47. Ransom, b. Sept. 2, 1798; m. Elizabeth Beecher, Oct. 4, 1821.
48. Rebecca, b. Aug. 15, 1800; m. Dec. 25, 1825, Norman S. Bidwell of Waterbury.
49. Richard, b. July 6, 1802; m. Apr. 3, 1831, Susan M. Ray.
50. Clark M., b. Sept. 21, 1805; d. May 27, 1811.
51. Betsey C., July 13, 1810; m. L. Beecher, Sept. 19, 1830.
52. Sherman, b. Jan. 5, 1808; m. June, 1850, Catharine Clark.
53. Davis C., b. Sept. 8, 1813; m.
54. George H., b. Mar. 15, 1820; d. in Lake Co., Ill., Sept., 1847.

STEELE PERKINS

35. **Elisha, Jr.**, son of Elisha and Mary (Merrells) Steele, lived in Waterbury and died in 1792. Children:

55. Daughter; m. —— Hines.
56. Daughter; m. —— Jones.

36. **Norman**, son of Elisha and Mary (Merrells) Steele, m. Hannah Spencer, about 1800. She was born in 1778; died about 1820, aged 42. He died in 1822. Children:

57. Clarissa; d. at the age of 12.
58. Elisha, b. in 1803; m. Elizabeth Hines of Waterbury; had Mary Ann and Henry; d. in 1875.
59. Mary, b. in 1805; m. Wm. H. Jones in 1825; had Sarah, Stafford, Norman S., Caroline A., Wm. H. and John E.
60. Susan, b. 1807; m. Joseph T. Marr; d. in 1840; had Helen, Marion and Louise.
61. Edwin; lost at the age of 18.
62. Norman, b. 1813; m. Sarah Hitchcock, June 4, 1846; had Frederick P., Herbert A., Anna E. H.
63. Ann P., b. Oct. 18, 1814; m. Lewis B. Follett, Oct. 18, ——; d. Oct. 18, 1856; had Susan, Maria.
64. William Spencer, b. 1816; m. ——

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37. **Edmund**, son of Dea. Bradford and Ruth (Wheeler) Steele, m. Anna, dau. of Zephaniah Tucker, Nov. 24, 1809. She was born Nov. 27, 1783. Children:

65. Albert J., b. Feb. 22, 1812.
66. John Burton, b. June 10, 1814.

40. **William**, son of Dea. Bradford and Ruth (Wheeler) Steele, m. Betsey Northrop, Nov. 1, 1819; died Nov 24, 1874. Children:

67. John.
68. Truman; living in Ansonia.
69. George.
70. Mary.

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STEELE BRADFORD
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41. **Burr**, son of Dea. Bradford and Ruth (Wheeler) Steele, m. Betsey Mallett, Nov. 7, 1822; died Aug. 11, 1823. Children:

71. Burr S., b. Mar. 19, 1824; d. Sept. 4, 1844.
72. Betsey; d. Apr. 7, 1824.

44. **Austin**, son of Daniel and Margaret (Welton) Steele, m. Polly Beecher, Aug. 31, 1810; lived in Waterbury. Children:

73. Henry; removed West.
74. Caroline; m. George Benedict.

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45 **Daniel, Jr.**, son of Daniel and Margaret (Welton) Steele, m. Sarah, dau. of Col. Street Richards of Wolcott, Conn., Nov. 15, 1813, who died in Ill., Feb. 1, 1853; m. 2d Amanda, widow of Jasper Johnson, and sister of his first wife. Children:

75. William A., b. Aug. 13, 1814; killed in Alabama.
76. Nelson; d. in Illinois, aged 18.
77. Margaret; m. Ransom Steele of Waukegan, Ill.

46. **Rev. Ashbel**, son of Daniel and Margaret (Welton) Steele, m. Clara Brewster, June 28, 1825, a Presbyterian minister in Washington, D. C.; is the author of a work entitled "Chief of the Pilgrims, or Life and Times of Elder William Brewster;" and also a genealogy of the "Brewster Family."

78. Reginald.
79. Francis H.
80. Ashbel F.

64 **William Spencer**, son of Norman and Hannah (Spencer) Steele, m. Caroline A. Jones. Nov. 8, 1837; settled in Wolcottville, Conn., in 1839, and died Jan. 22, 1857. Children:

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81. Abbie A., b. Oct. 16, 1838; m. Florimond D. Fyler of Winsted, a judge in Litchfield Co. Court.
82. Mary, b. Dec. 19, 1839; m. Willis A. Bradley, July 14, 1839.
83. William L., b. Sept. 6, 1841; a soldier of the late war.
84. Elisha J., b. June 29, 1843; m. Sophia S. Skiff, Jan. 25, 1864; a soldier in the late war; resides in Wolcottville, Conn.; an influential young man.
85. Edwin S., b. Oct. 4, 1846; d. Feb. 14, 1855.
86. Albert D., b. Aug. 11, 1848; d. Aug. 21, 1848.
87. George B., b. May 15, 1852; m. Alice Diamond, May 15, 1872.

65 **Albert J.**, son of Edmund and Anna (Tucker) Steele, m. Julia, dau. of Chester Jones, Feb 11, 1835. Children:

88. Sarah Ann, b. Oct. 17, 1836.
89. Susan Maria, b. Mar. 28, 1840.
90. Julia Frances, b. May 2, 1843; d. Feb. 29, 1844.
91. Albert Edmund, b. Oct. 29, 1845; d. Oct. 19, 1858.
92. Orianna Louisa, b. July 2, 1852.

66. **John Burton**, son of Edmund and Anna (Tucker) Steele, m. Emeline A. Stuart of Bridgewater. She was born July 13, 1819. Children:

93. Celestia, b. Sept. 29, 1846, m. Edward B. Bradley, Nov. 29, 1866.
94. Frank E., b. Aug. 20, 1848.

STILES, **Nathan**; m. Phebe [Johnson ?]

1 Nathan, b. Feb. 27, 1796.
2. Sally, b. Sept. 6, 1797.
3. Isaac, } b. Mar. 28, 1801.
4. Jesse, }
5. Hezekiah, b. Jan. 28, 1803.
6. Harvey, b. Mar. 30, 1805.
7. Lois Emily, b. Feb. 24, 1810.
8. Stiles Johnson, b. May 4, ——.

1. STODDARD, **Anthony**, came from England to Boston about 1639; was admitted freeman in 1640, and was a representative there

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not here, nor in possession of this land at that time, nor was he in such relations to the owners of this land as to make it important that he should sign the deed, and therefore it may be inferred, as is the case in the Indian History of this work, that he belonged to a family of the Pootatucks, and that it was some years after this that he was elected sachem and became the established governor of the Indians collected at this place. In the Historical Collections we are told that "At the time Chuse removed here there were but one or two white families in the place, who had settled on Indian Hill;" and it is quite certain the whites did not build on the land until after they had purchased it. And since, as we are informed by the authority just referred to, he resided here forty-eight[7] years, and was residing at Scaticook in 1783,[8] he must have settled here in 1738 (or only a short time before), the same year that the Indian settlement was commenced in Kent. Chuse "erected his wigwam about six or eight rods north of where the cotton factory now stands, [1836] on the south border of the flat. It was beautifully situated among the white oak trees, and faced the south. He married an Indian woman of the East Haven tribe."[9] His wife's name was Anna, concerning whom the Rev. Daniel Humphreys made the following record: "September 12, 1779, then Ann Chuse was admitted to communion with the Church of Christ." The Rev. Martin Tullar recorded her name in 1787, "Anna Mawheu," and at the same time he recorded Chuse's name "Joseph Mawheu," as having been a member of the church up to the time of his removal, but when he first joined is not known. In the "Indian History" of this work the name as recorded on the town records was followed, which is "Mauwee" only, but finding since that time on the church records the name "Mawheu," it may be properly concluded that the name in full was Mauweeheu.

In 1780 the town appointed Capt. Bradford Steele and Mr. Gideon Johnson a committee with full power "to take care of the Indian lands in Derby, and let out the same to the best advantage for the support of said Indians, and to take care that there

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[7] Hist. Col. 200.

[8] DeForest, 417.

[9] Barber's Hist. Col. 199.

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PEDIGREE CHART FOR Bradford (4) STEELE [Am Rev] - SWT.PAF   12 Jul 2010   Chart 1 4

DANIELS - STEELE

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                                                                                  16 George (1) STEELE----------
                                                                                   | BIRTH: 1589
                                                      8 James (1) STEELE-----------|    ,Fairstead,Essex,England  ✓
                                                      | BIRTH: 30 Nov 1622         |
                                                      |     ,,,England            17 Margery SORRELL------------
                                                      | MARR: 18 Oct 1651            BIRTH: 1598
                              4 John (2) STEELE-------|     Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA
                              | BIRTH: 1660           | DEATH: Jan 1675
                              |     Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA  Guilford,NHa,Conn,USA 18 John BISHOP---------------✓
                              | MARR: 1689            |                            | BIRTH:
                              |     Hartfor,Hart,Conn,USA  9 Anna BISHOP-----------|
                              | DEATH:  6 Mar 1698      BIRTH: 1631                |
                              |     Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA  Guilford,NHa,Conn,USA 19 Anne-----------------------
 2 Ebenezer (3) STEELE--------|                         DEATH: 1676                  BIRTH:
 | BIRTH: 13 Aug 1695         |                            ,,Connecticut,USA
 |     Killingswo,Midd,Conn,USA|
 | MARR: 1717/1718            |                                                   20 William ) BRADFORD [G]------
 |     Guilford,NewHav,Conn,USA|                                                   | BIRTH: Mar 1589/1590
 | DEATH: Aft 26 Jun 1745     |                       10 William (2) BRADFORD--------|    ,Austerfield,York,Englan
 |     Killingswo,Midd,Conn,USA|                       | BIRTH: 17 Jun 1624         |
 |                            |                       |     Plymout,Plym,Mass,USA 21 Alice CARPENTER------------
 |                            5 Meletiah BRADFORD-----| MARR: 28 Jan 1650            BIRTH: Aug 1590
 |                              BIRTH:  1 Nov 1664    |     Plymouth,Plym,Mass,USA      ,Wrington,Somerset,Engla
 |                                  Plymouth,Plym,Mass,USA | DEATH: 20 Feb 1704
 |                              DEATH: Aft 24 Apr 1739 |     Plymout,Plym,Mass,USA 22 Thomas RICHARDS------------
 |                                  Killings,Midd,Conn,USA |                         | BIRTH: 15 Apr 1596
 |                                                    11 Alice RICHARDS-------------|    ,Pitminster,S,England
 |                                                      BIRTH: 16 Jun 1627         |
 |                                                          Dorches,Suff,Mass,USA 23 Welthian LORING------------
 1 Bradford 4 STEELE [AmRev]------                      DEATH: 12 Dec 1671           BIRTH: 1599/1602
 | BIRTH: 22 Sep 1734                                       Plymouth,Plym,Mass,USA      ,Dorchester,D,England
 |     Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA
 | MARR: 19 Dec 1755                                                              24 Nathaniel (1) MERRILL-------
 |     Enfield,Hartfor,Conn,USA                                                    | BIRTH: Abt 1601
 | DEATH: 10 Apr 1804                                 12 John (2) MERRILL-----------|    ,Wherstead,Suffolk,Engla
 |     Derby,NewHaven,Conne,USA                       | BIRTH: 16 Feb 1636         |
 |                                                    |     Newbury,Esse,Mass,USA 25 Susannah WOLTERTON---------
 |                                                    | MARR: 23 Sep 1663            BIRTH: 1585
 | SPOUSE(S):                 6 Daniel (3) MERRILL----|     Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA      ,Wherstead,Suffolk,Engla
 | Mary PERKINS               | BIRTH: 15 Jun 1673    | DEATH: 18 Jul 1712
 | Sarah BALDWIN              |     Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA  Hartfor,Hart,Conn,USA 26 John WATSON---------------✓
 |                            | MARR:  8 Jan 1698     |                            | BIRTH:
 |                            |     Hartfor,Hart,Conn,USA 13 Sarah WATSON-----------|
 |                            | DEATH: 18 Jul 1750      BIRTH: Abt 1640            |
 |                            |     Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA  Hartfor,Hart,Conn,USA 27 Margaret SMITH------------✓
 3 Susannah MERRILL-----------|                         DEATH:                       BIRTH:
   BIRTH: 18 Aug 1700         |                             Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA
       WHartford,Hartf,Conn,USA|
   DEATH: 1718                |                                                   28 John (1) PRATT-------------
       ,,Connecticut,USA      |                                                    | BIRTH: Abt 1607
                              |                       14 John (2) PRATT-------------|    ,Stevenange,Hertfor,Engl
                              |                       | BIRTH: 11 Aug 1638         |
                              |                       |     Hartfor,Hart,Conn,USA 29 Elizabeth YOUNG------------✓
                              7 Susanna PRATT---------| MARR: Abt 1658               BIRTH:
                                BIRTH:  2 Oct 1680    |     Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA
                                    Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA | DEATH:  2 Nov 1689
                                DEATH: 18 Jan 1697    |     Hartfor,Hart,Conn,USA 30 John WYATT---------------✓
                                    Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA |                        | BIRTH:
                                                      15 Hepzibah WYATT-------------|
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                                                        DEATH: 20 Dec 1711           BIRTH:
                                                            ,,Connecticut,USA
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PEDIGREE CHART FOR Ashbel Bradford STEELE - SWT.PAF                                             8 May 2003        Chart 1



                                                                                          16 James STEELE-----------------
                                                                                            ö RIN: 4493
                                                              8 John STEELE-----------------ö BIRTH: 30 Nov 1622
                                                               ö RIN: 4491                  ö    ,,,England
                                                               ö BIRTH: 1660              17 Anna BISHOP------------------
                                                               ö    Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA    RIN: 4494
                                 4 Ebenezer STEELE-------------ö MARR: 1689 --1516            BIRTH: 1631
                                  ö RIN: 4489                  ö    Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA       Guilford,NewHav,Conn,USA
                                  ö BIRTH: 13 Aug 1695         ö DEATH:  6 Mar 1698       18 William BRADFORD-------------
                                  ö    Killings,Midd,Conn,USA  ö    Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA  ö RIN: 4500
                                  ö MARR: 1717/1718 --1515    9 Meletiah BRADFORD-----------ö BIRTH: 17 Jun 1624
                                  ö    Guilford,NeHa,Conn,USA    RIN: 4492                  ö    Plymouth,Plymou,Mass,USA
                                  ö DEATH: Aft 26 Dec 1745       BIRTH:  1 Nov 1664       19 Alice RICHARDS---------------
    2 Bradford STEELE ACaptü------ö    Killings,Midd,Conn,USA       Plymouth,Plym,Mass,USA    RIN: 4499
     ö RIN: 4487                  ö                              DEATH: Aft 24 Apr 1739       BIRTH: 16 Jun 1627
     ö BIRTH: 22 Sep 1734         ö                                 Killings,Midd,Conn,USA       Dorchester,Suff,Mass,USA
     ö    Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USAö                                                       20 John MERRILL-----------------
     ö MARR: 19 Dec 1755 --1514   ö                                                         ö RIN: 4751
     ö    Enfield,Hartfor,Conn,USAö                          10 Daniel MERRILL--------------ö BIRTH: 16 Feb 1636
     ö DEATH: 10 Apr 1804         ö                            ö RIN: 4745                  ö    Newbury,Essex,Massac,USA
     ö    Derby,NewHaven,Conne,USAö                            ö BIRTH: 15 Jun 1673       21 Sarah WATSON-----------------
     ö                           5 Susannah MERRILL------------ö    Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA    RIN: 5252
     ö                               RIN: 4490                 ö MARR:  8 Jan 1698 --1570     BIRTH: Abt 1640
     ö                               BIRTH: 18 Aug 1700        ö    Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA       Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA
     ö                                  WHartfor,Hart,Conn,USA ö DEATH: 18 Jul 1750       22 John PRATT-------------------
     ö                               DEATH: 1718               ö    Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA  ö RIN: 5253
     ö                                  ,,Connecticut,USA    11 Susanna PRATT---------------ö BIRTH: 11 Aug 1638
     ö                                                           RIN: 4743                  ö    Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA
     ö                                                           BIRTH:  2 Oct 1680       23 Hepsibah WYATT---------------
  1 Ashbel ~~Bradford~~ STEELE--------                                  Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA    RIN: 5288
     ö RIN: 4477                                                 DEATH: 18 Jan 1697           BIRTH:
     ö BIRTH:  3 Aug 1757                                           Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA
     ö    ~~Derby~~,NewHaven,Conne,USA                                                        24 -----------------------------
     ö MARR:  4 Mar 1779 --1509                                                             ö RIN:
     ö    Oxford,NewHaven,Conn,USA                           12 Thomas PERKINS--------------ö BIRTH:
     ö DEATH:  3 Mar 1836                                      ö RIN: 4748                  ö
     ö    Rochester,Monroe,NYo,USA                             ö BIRTH:                   25 -----------------------------
     ö                                                         ö                              RIN:
     ö SPOUSE(S):                6 Thomas PERKINS--------------ö MARR:  --1559                BIRTH:
     ö Eunice THOMPSON            ö RIN: 4747                  ö
     ö                            ö BIRTH: Abt 1705            ö DEATH:                   26 -----------------------------
     ö                            ö    Newtown,Fairf,Conn,USA  ö                            ö RIN:
     ö                            ö MARR: Abt 1730 --1561    13 ----------------------------ö BIRTH:
     ö                            ö    ,Fairfield,Connect,USA    RIN:                       ö
     ö                            ö DEATH:                       BIRTH:                   27 -----------------------------
     3 Mary PERKINS---------------ö    ,,Connecticut,USA                                      RIN:
       RIN: 4488                  ö                              DEATH:                       BIRTH:
       BIRTH: 26 Mar 1731         ö
          Newtown,Fairfie,Conn,USAö                                                       28 -----------------------------
       DEATH: 16 Oct 1788         ö                                                         ö RIN:
          Derby,NewHaven,Conne,USAö                          14 ----------------------------ö BIRTH:
                                  ö                            ö RIN:                       ö
                                  ö                            ö BIRTH:                   29 -----------------------------
                                 7 Mary ALLEN------------------ö                              RIN:
                                     RIN: 4749                 ö MARR:                        BIRTH:
                                     BIRTH: Abt 1709           ö
                                        Newtown,Fairf,Conn,USA ö DEATH:                   30 -----------------------------
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                                        ,,Connecticut,USA    15 ----------------------------ö BIRTH:
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PEDIGREE CHART FOR Ashbel STEELE - SWT.PAF                                                   16 Dec 2004      Chart 1

                                                                                          16 John STEELE-----------------
                                                                                            ö RIN: 4491
                                                              8 Ebenezer STEELE-------------ö BIRTH: 1660
                                                               ö RIN: 4489                  ö    Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA
                                                               ö BIRTH: 13 Aug 1695       17 Meletiah BRADFORD-----------
                                                               ö    Killings,Midd,Conn,USA    RIN: 4492
                                 4 Bradford STEELE ÄAmReü------ö MARR: 1717/1718 --1515       BIRTH:  1 Nov 1664
                                  ö RIN: 4487                  ö    Guilford,NeHa,Conn,USA       Plymouth,Plymou,Mass,USA
                                  ö BIRTH: 22 Sep 1734         ö DEATH: Aft 26 Jun 1745   18 Daniel MERRILL--------------
                                  ö    Hartford,Hart,Conn,USA  ö    Killings,Midd,Conn,USA  ö RIN: 4745
                                  ö MARR: Dec 1755 --1514     9 Susannah MERRILL------------ö BIRTH: 15 Jun 1673
                                  ö    Enfield,Hartf,Conn,USA    RIN: 4490                  ö    Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA
                                  ö DEATH: 10 Apr 1804           BIRTH: 18 Aug 1700       19 Susanna PRATT---------------
    2 Ashbel STEELE ÄAm Revü------ö    Derby,NewHave,Conn,USA       WHartfor,Hart,Conn,USA    RIN: 4743
      ö RIN: 4477                 ö                              DEATH: 1718                  BIRTH:  2 Oct 1680
      ö BIRTH:  3 Aug 1757        ö                                 ,,Connecticut,USA            Hartford,Hartfo,Conn,USA
      ö    Enfield,Hartfor,Conn,USAö                                                       20 Thomas PERKINS--------------
      ö MARR:  4 Mar 1779 --1509  ö                                                         ö RIN: 4748
      ö    Oxford,NewHaven,Conn,USAö                          10 Thomas PERKINS--------------ö BIRTH:
      ö DEATH:  3 Mar 1836        ö                             ö RIN: 4747                  ö
      ö    Rochester,Monroe,NYo,USAö                            ö BIRTH: Abt 1705          21 ----------------------------
      ö                           5 Mary PERKINS---------------ö    Newtown,Fairf,Conn,USA    RIN:
      ö                             ~~RIN: 4488~~               ö MARR: Abt 1730 --1561        BIRTH:
      ö                             BIRTH: 26 Mar 1731         ö    ,Fairfield,Connect,USA
      ö                                Newtown,Fairf,Conn,USA  ö DEATH:                   22 ----------------------------
      ö                             DEATH: 16 Oct 1788         ö    ,,Connecticut,USA       ö RIN:
      ö                                Derby,NewHav,Conn,USA 11 Mary ALLEN------------------ö BIRTH:
      ö                                                          RIN: 4749                  ö
      ö                                                          BIRTH: Abt 1709          23 ----------------------------
  1 Ashbel STEELE------------------                                 Newtown,Fairf,Conn,USA    RIN:
      ö RIN: 340                                                 DEATH:                       BIRTH:
      ö BIRTH:  8 Aug 1793                                          ,,Connecticut,USA
      ö    Derby,NewHaven,Conne,USA                                                        24 John (4) THOMPSON-----------
      ö MARR: Abt 1820 --815                                                                 ö RIN: 4664
      ö    ,,New York,USA                                     12 Daniel (5) THOMPSON---------ö BIRTH: 12 May 1657
      ö DEATH: 26 Sep 1861                                     ö RIN: 4662                  ö    NewHaven,NewHav,Conn,USA
      ö    RiverFores,Cook,Illi,USA                            ö BIRTH: 31 Oct 1685       25 Rebecca DANIELS-------------
                                              AAm, REV
      ö                                                        ö    Woodbridge,NH,Conn,USA    RIN: 4665
      ö SPOUSE(S):                 6 Jabez 6 THOMPSON ÄAmRü------ö MARR: 16 Jan 1717 --1597      BIRTH: 30 Jan 1657
      ö Cecilia Frances Ma CLARKE ö RIN: 4485                  ö    ,NewHaven,Connecti,USA
      ö Harriet DAWLEY            ö BIRTH:  3 Jul 1727         ö DEATH: 26 Nov 1766       26 John BALL-------------------
      ö                           ö    ,NewHaven,Connecti,USA  ö    ,NewHaven,Connecti,USA  ö RIN: 4692
      ö                           ö MARR: Oct 1748 --1513   13 Mary BALL------------------ö BIRTH: 15 Apr 1649
      ö                           ö    Waterbury,NHa,Conn,USA     RIN: 4663                 ö    NewHaven,NewHav,Conn,USA
      ö                           ö DEATH: 15 Sep 1776            BIRTH: 22 Oct 1694       27 Sarah GLOVER----------------
     3 Eunice THOMPSON-------------ö    LongIsland,Quee,NY,USA       ,NewHaven,Connecti,USA     RIN: 4693
        RIN: 4478                 ö                               DEATH: 11 May 1776         BIRTH:  3 Dec 1655
        BIRTH:  5 Jan 1762        ö                                  ,NewHaven,Connecti,USA        NewHaven,NewHave,Conn,USA
           Derby,NewHaven,Conne,USAö                                                        28 Abel GUNN------------------
        DEATH: Aft 1836           ö                                                          ö RIN: 4577
           Rochester,Monroe,NYo,USAö                            14 Nathaniel GUNN--------------ö BIRTH:  5 May 1680
                                  ö                             ö RIN: 4579                  ö    Milford,NewHave,Conn,USA
                                  ö                             ö BIRTH:  1 Sep 1708       29 Agnes HAWKINS---------------
                                  7 Sarah GUNN-----------------ö    Milford,NeHav,Conn,USA    RIN: 4576
                                     RIN: 4486                  ö MARR: 10 Dec 1728 --1577     BIRTH:  6 Nov 1681
                                     BIRTH: 15 Feb 1732         ö    ,,Connecticut,USA            Derby,NewHaven,Conne,USA
                                        Derby,NewHave,Conn,USA  ö DEATH: 25 Oct 1769       30 Samuel (3) WHEELER----------
                                     DEATH:  3 May 1804         ö    ,,Connecticut,USA       ö RIN: 4563
                                        Oxford,NeHav,Conn,USA 15 Sarah WHEELER---------------ö BIRTH: 27 Feb 1681
                                                                  RIN: 4578                  ö    Stratford,Fairf,Conn,USA
                                                                  BIRTH:  6 Nov 1710       31 Mary BRINSMADE--------------
                                                                     Woodbury,Litc,Conn,USA    RIN: 4562
                                                                  DEATH: Bef 1757              BIRTH: Abt 1684
                                                                     ,,Connecticut,USA            Woodbury,Litchf,Conn,USA


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1-- Mary CLARKE (2XH8-81) Born: [1800]

sp-Julius Ashbel STEELE (2XH8-7T) Born: Abt. 1798 ~~Of Cook Co., IL~~ NO

2-- Julius Augustus STEELE (2XH8-4B) Born: 1823 Rockester,, NY

sp-Elizabeth NORTON (2XH8-5H) Born: Abt 1824 Canada

3-- Francis Cecilia STEELE (2XH8-35) Born: 1 Nov 1847 IL

sp-Holeman TALBOT (2XH6-C8) Born: 10 May 1835 Springfield, Adams, IL

4-- Clothida Allena TALBOT (2XH6-VT) Born: 25 Dec 1866 Santa Rosa, Sonoma, CA

sp- CLARKE (C051-VH) Born: [1866]

sp-Thomas COLLINS (C051-WN) Born: [1866]

4-- Tabitha Augusta TALBOT (2XH6-W1) Born: 30 Dec 1876 Santa Rosa, Sonoma, CA

sp-Horace TIRREL (C051-XT) Born: [1876]

4-- Lesley TALBOT (2XGZ-GT) Born: 13 Mar 1885 Santa Rosa, Sonoma, CA

sp-Virgil Leroy WOOLLEY (2XGZ-FN) Born: 7 Sep 1886 Sonoma County, CA

5-- LIVING (2XGZ-6G) Born: LIVING

sp-LIVING (2XGZ-59) Born: LIVING

5-- LIVING (6WTX-GW) Born: LIVING

sp-LIVING (DSFZ-P1) Born: LIVING

3-- Emma Margaret STEELE (2XH8-JD) Born: 1848

sp-Rev. Francis Marrion WILLIS (C053-09) Born: [1848]

3-- Erasmus Darwin STEELE (2XH8-KK) Born: 1852 NV

sp-Elizabeth WINTON (C053-1G) Born: [1852]

3-- Clarence Augustus STEELE (2XH8-LQ) Born: 1854

sp-Ana Ester KIRKPATRICK (C053-2M) Born: [1854]

3-- Julius Augustus STEELE (2XH8-MW) Born: 1860

sp-Francis ASHLEY (C053-3S) Born: [1860]

3-- Julia Antoinette STEELE (2XH8-N3) Born: 1860

sp-Frank WILLITS (C053-40) Born: [1860]

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              Name             (Birth/Chr.-Death/Burial)   Birth/Chr. Place
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     1-- BALL-4695 (      -      )
         2-- John BALL-4692 (1649-      )  New Haven,New Haven,Connecticut,USA
          sp-Sarah GLOVER-4693 (1655-1730)  New Haven,New Haven,Connecticut,USA
             3-- Mary BALL-4663 (1694-1776)  ,New Haven,Connecticut,USA
              sp-Daniel THOMPSON-4662 (1685-1766)  Woodbridge,New Haven,Connecti
cut,USA
                 4-- Jabez THOMPSON-4485 (1727-1776)  ,New Haven,Connecticut,USA
                  sp-Sarah GUNN-4486 (1732-1804)  Derby,New Haven,Connecticut,US
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                     5-- Lois THOMPSON-4532 (1749-     )  ,,Connecticut,USA
                     5-- Amy THOMPSON-4533 (1753-1812)  ,,Connecticut,USA
                     5-- Sarah THOMPSON-4534 (1756-1827)  ,,Connecticut,USA
                     5-- Jabez THOMPSON-4535 (1759-     )  ,,Connecticut,USA
                     5-- Eunice THOMPSON-4478 (1762-     )  Derby,New Haven,Conne
cticut,USA
                      sp-Ashbel Bradford STEELE-4477 (1757-1836)  Derby,New Have
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                         6-- Ashbel STEELE-340 (1793-1861)  Derby,New Haven,Conn
ecticut,USA
                          sp-Cecilia Frances (Mary) CLARKE-701 (1800-1823)
                          sp-Harriet DAWLEY-341 (1809-1895)  ,,,England
                         6-- Eliza STEELE-4479 (     -     )
                          sp-Wells BELDING-4480 (     -     )
                     5-- Abel THOMPSON-4536 (1765-1798)  ,,Connecticut,USA
                     5-- Hannah THOMPSON-4537 (1768-     )  ,,Connecticut,USA
                     5-- Betty THOMPSON-4538 (1771-     )  ,,Connecticut,USA
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Individual Record

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Sex: M

Pedigree
Family

1st child of
Asahel Steele
before he came to Chicago
by 1st wife

Event(s):

Birth: 1823
Rockester, , Ny

Parents:

Father: Julius Ashbel STEELE (AFN: 2XH8-7T) Family
Mother: Mary CLARKE (AFN: 2XH8-81) — MARY (FRANCES [illegible])

Marriage(s):

Spouse: Elizabeth NORTON (AFN: 2XH8-5H) Family
Marriage: Abt 1846

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Littlefield, Bradley Crippen, Newman Crippen. Page, 175.

1821-1863.

Clark, Frederick, of Rochester. Will dated January 14, 1831. Wife, Elizabeth, "Home and lot on St. Paul street, running back to Mechanic street in the village of Rochester." Four oldest children, Alfred Marvin, Maria Ann Thompson, Benjamin Franklin and Asa Elmer, "Land on Mechanic street running back to Water street." Legacies to Harriet Lee "if she still continues to reside in my family until she is 18 years of age, to Julius Steel, the natural heir of Cecelia Frances Steel; three youngest children, Lyman Bennett, Caroline Elizabeth, Frederick Westly." Refers to friends William G. Taylor and Henry Kennedy. (Joseph Elgeston and Chester Gurnsey, executors).

Carpenter, Mary, of Rochester, died January 14, 1847. Husband, Cephas Carpenter, of Vermont. Mentions sister, Nabby Wallis, wife of Hugh Wallis, of Gates; brother, Wyman Sprague, of Windhall, Benington county, Vt.; brother, John, of Clarendon, Orleans county. (Will lost).

Crippen, Ashley, Penfield. Died October 25, 1850. Widow, Rebecca. Mentions Norton R. Crippen, Tabitha, wife of Isaac Maritt, of Penfield; Sally, wife of Joel Fisk, of Coldwater, Branch county, Mich.; son, Oliver Crippen, of Penfield. (Henry Fellows and Daniel G. Lewis, executors).

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FREDERICK CLARKE

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Steele, Nathaniel to
Claressa A. dau of
Lemuel GUNN in E.
Bloomfield 17 Apr. 1828

Curtis Hawley of Canandaigua to
1820 Sarah Steele at Bloomfield

2 apr 1827 Catherine M. Steel
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July 25 - 1843 St Lukes Ch
Alexander SCOTT to E. Ellen Steele
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MONROE COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS.

LIBER I.

Crittenden, Austin, town of Brighton. Will of May 19, 1879. Wife, Sarah; son, Cornelius; eldest son, Thomas F., youngest son, Pharcellus V.

Crittenden, Chauncy. Will, September n. 1849; eldest son, Luther A. Crittenden; son, Austin; daughter, Alvira; daughter, Julia Ann; daughter, Maria; son, William Wallace.

Colwell, Charles (Brighton), aged 64, February 17, 1853. Wife, Mary; son, Hinman E. Colwell; daughter, Rhoda E. Pelham.

(Cocks), Levi, of Wheatland. Will dated November 13, 1831; proved April 4, 1832; wife (name not given; oldest daughter, Elizabeth; two youngest sons, Richard and Alfred; two youngest daughters, Mary and Adah; three oldest sons, James, John and Charles. Executor: Frederick Bennett. Witnesses: Augustus Bristol, Frederick Bennett. Page, 223.

(Crippen), Ransom, of Penfield. Will dated November 25, 1831; proved, January 9, 1832; wife, Ruth; children, three daughters, Aurelia, Esther Ann and Harriet; two elder daughters married (names not given); two sons, Ezra Rowley and Orin; two elder sons, Abial and Lewis. Witnesses: Darius Littlefield, Bradley Crippen, Newman Crippen. Page, 175.

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Crippen, Ranson, Penfield. Will dated November 25, 1831. Wife, Ruth; three daughters, Aurelia, Esther Ann and Harriett; sons, Ezra Rowley, Orin, Abial and Lewis. Mentions Darius Littlefield, Bradley and Newman Crippen, of Penfield.

Colvin, Rufus, of Mendon. Died May 23, 1829. Wife, Diadema; sons, Rufus, Thomas, William, Randall; daughters, Charlotte, Lydia, Sally, Safety (?). Witnesses, Cholett and Marthy Cady, and Martha Ann Beach. Josiah Moon, petitioner.

Chapman, Henry, of Henrietta. Will dated June 25, 1832. Wife, Keziah; eldest daughter, Lovisa, wife of Elisha S. Kinsbal; eldest son, Chauncy; second daughter, Eliza; second son, Bradley; third son, Charles.

Cary, Albigence W., of Brockport. Died August 21, 1862. Wife, Caroline; children, Henry W. and Helen M., wife of Augustus F. Brainard, of Sweden; Joseph C., of New York, all of age.

Coulter, John, of Rochester. Died November [illegible], 1861. Widow, Isabella; children, [illegible] Ann Jane C.

MONROE COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS.

Liber I.

(Case) Orrin, of Sweden. Will dated October 27, 1829. Proved December 7, 1829; wife, Patience. daughter, Celestia Victoria Case. Witness: Harmon Cobley, Amos B. Niles, Ira Case. Page 4.

(Clark), Frederick, of Rochester. Will dated January 14, 1831; proved June 8, 1831; wife, Elizabeth, house and lot on St. Paul street, running back to Mechanic street; four oldest children, to wit, Alfred Marven, Mariah Ann, Benjamin Franklin, and Asa Elmer Clark; land on Mechanic street running back to Water street; Harriet Lee, a member of 'the family; Julius Augustus Steel, natural heir of Cecelia Frances Steel; youngest children, Lyman Bennet Clark, Caroline Elizabeth Clark and Frederic Westly Clark; executors: Joseph Egleston, Chester Guernsy; friends, William G. Taylor, Henry Kennedy. Witnesses: Wilson Lambert, Amos White, David Bush. Page 93.

(Chrystie), John, jr., of Wheatland. Will dated September 14, 1832; proved October 24, 1832. My brother, Hugh Chrystie; lot N. 10-12-14, seventh section in township 13, second range, Genesee county; Sister Jane, Sister Catharine and daughter, Eliza Van Vechten Angus, to Duncan Menzie my best suit of wearing apparel; Duncan Anderson my best rifle, my sister Margaret's son. Executors: John McPherson, Hugh Chrystie. Witnesses: John A. McVean, Donald McPherson. Page 291.

(Chapman), Henry, of Henrietta. Will dated June 25, 1832; proved November 12, 1832; wife, Keziah; eldest daughter, Louisa, wife of Elisha S. Kimble; eldest son, Chauncy; second daughter, Eliza Chapman; second son, Bradley; third son, Charles. Witnesses: Roswell Wickwire, Benjamin Billings, Peter Price. Page 297.

(Caswell), David, of Rush. Will dated May 5, 1820; proved February 17, 1834; wife, Margaret. children (names not given). Witnesses. Peter Price, Martin Miner, Henry Lyon. Page. 404.

(Clark), David of Rush. Will dated February 6, 1835; proved June 13, 1835; wife, Ann Mere. After her decease to Charles Henika, David C. Raymon, and David C. Vickery. Executor: Andrew Kingsbury. Witnesses: Daniel Hobbs, Phineas Stevens, Wells Clark, Jr. Page 538.

(Clark) James M., of Clarkson. Will dated February 25, 1835, proved August 17, 1835. son, James L.; daughter, Emily Clark, son Edwin A.; daughter, Maria Clark; son, Charles G.; niece, Amelia Bosworth. John Brown and Phoebe, his wife, of Sterling, Windham county, Conn. Executors: John Bowman, Abel Baldwin, David Forsyth, Simeon B. Jewett, Henry R. Selden. Witnesses: Henry Martin, Azariah Ashley.

(Crowell), Seth, of Penfield. Will dated May 22, 1829, proved July 18, 1831, three children, William and Seth Crowell, Jr., and Deborah Albron; granddaughters, Mariah and Betsey Baker; grandsons, Potter and Roswell Crowell, sons of Roswell Crowell. Witnesses: Stephen Wakeless, Edmund Vandake, Leonard Adams. Page 112.

X Clark, Joel, of Henrietta. Will dated July 26, 1842. Wife, Susannah. Mentions sons, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Henry and Thomas. Children of daughters, Electa Fargo and Olive Collins and Caroline Collins. He died November 8, 1847. Citation gives Electa, wife of Hiram Fargo, of Barre, Orleans county; Olive, wife of Nathan C. Collins, of Barre; Thomas Clark, of Barre; Benjamin Clark, of Rochester; Caroline, wife of William O. Collins, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Thomas, son of deceased son, Henry; Fatima, wife of Silas Lusk, [illegible] of deceased son, Henry, of

Caswell, David, of Rush. Will dated May 5, 1820. Wife, Margaret; children, but no names given.

Cocks, Levi, of Wheatland. Will dated November 17, 1831. Mentions eldest son, James; sons, John and Charles; daughters, Elizabeth, May and Adah; two youngest sons, Richard and Alfred.

Clark, David. Record of will, February 6, 1835. Wife, Annmere. After her decease, property to go to Charles Henika (?), David C. Raymos and David C. Vickery.

Clark, James M., of Clarkson. Will dated February 25, 1835; aged 63. Mentions son, James L., an attorney; daughter Emily; son, Edwin A. F.; daughter Maria; son, Charles G.; niece, Amelia Bosworth. Legacies to John Brown and Phebe Brown, of Sterling, Windham county, Conn.

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1821-1863

Clark, Frederick of Rochester, will dated January 14, 1831. Wife, Elizabeth, "Home and lot on St. Paul Street running back to Mechanic Street in the village of Rochester." Four oldest children. Alfred Marvin, Maria Ann Thompson, Benjamin Franklin and Asa Elmer, "Land on Mechanic Street running back to Water Street." Legacies to Harriet Lee "If she still continues to reside in my family until she is 18 years of age. to Julius Steel, the natural heir of Cecilia Frances Steel; youngest chldren, Lyman Bennett, Caroline Elizabeth, Frederick Westly." Refers to friends William G. Taylor and Henry Kennedy. (Joseph Elgeston and Chester Gurnsey executors.)

STEELE

INDIVIDUAL DATA

RIN:340

Name:**Ashbel L STEELE** Sex:M ID No:
irth: 1794 Place:Derby,New Haven,CT
Chr: Place:
Death:26 Sep 1861 Place:River Forest,Cook,IL
Burial: 1861 Place:Forest Park,Cook,IL

Father: Mother:

MARRIAGE(S)

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MRIN	Spouse Name	Marriage Date
73	Harriet DAWLEY-341	Abt 1827

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Harriet DAWLEY (AFN: 18JW-JK7) 1830 Pedigree
Sex: F Family

Event(s):

Birth: Abt 1813 abt 1810
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Parents:

Marriage(s):

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Marriage: Abt 1830
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Name:	**Harriet Dawley**
Date:	**1821 - 7/1 - 9/30**
Age:	**11**
Gender:	**F**
Port of Arrival:	**Oswegatchie, NY (Port of Ogdensburg)**
Country of Origin:	**England**
Destination:	**Oswego**
Occupation:	**Daughter**

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1777	John Dawley #3073	1821 - 7/1 - 9/30	44	M	Oswegatchie, NY (Port of Ogdensburg) NY	England	(Oswego) NY
1781	Frances Dawley #5645	1821 - 7/1 - 9/30	40	F	Oswegatchie, NY (Port of Ogdensburg)	England	Oswego
1801	Mary Dawley 1	1821 - 7/1 - 9/30	20	F	Oswegatchie, NY (Port of Ogdensburg)	England	Oswego
1803	Elizabeth Dawley 2	1821 - 7/1 - 9/30	18	F	Oswegatchie, NY (Port of Ogdensburg)	England	Oswego
1805	Jane Dawley 3	1821 - 7/1 - 9/30	16	F	Oswegatchie, NY (Port of Ogdensburg)	England	Oswego
1807	Hannah Dawley 4	1821 - 7/1 - 9/30	14	F	Oswegatchie, NY (Port of Ogdensburg)	England	Oswego
1809	Frances GREY Dawley 5	1821 - 7/1 - 9/30	12	F	Oswegatchie, NY (Port of Ogdensburg)	England	Oswego — mar 30 OCT 1845 T.B. BOTSFOR Chgo (Cook) IL
1810	Harriet Dawley 6 #341	1821 - 7/1 - 9/30	11	F	Oswegatchie, NY (Port of Ogdensburg)	England	Oswego
1812 ~~1811~~	John Dawley 7	1821 - 7/1 - 9/30	9	M	Oswegatchie, NY (Port of Ogdensburg)	England	Oswego
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Frances Cecelia Steele
Female

Event(s):

Birth: 1847 Chicago, , , Illinois
Christening:
Death: 22 APR 1895 Bennetts Valley, Santa Rosa, Sonoma, California
Burial:

Parents:

Father: Julius Augustus Steele
Mother: Elizabeth Norton

~~Joseph~~
~~Harriet~~

Family

Messages:

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PEDIGREE CHART FOR Dorothy D DANIELS - SWT.PAF   STEELE   8 May 2003   Chart 1

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                                                                                          16 Joel (4) DANIELS------------
                                                                                            ö RIN: 2976
                                                              8 James DANIELS---------------ö BIRTH: 10 Oct 1759
                                                               ö RIN: 331                   ö    AllowayCreek,Sale,NJ,USA
                                                               ö BIRTH: Abt 1793          17 Clarissa WINN/WYNN----------
                                                               ö    SusseVale,King,NB,Cana    RIN: 1484
                                 4 Francis Asbury DANIELS------ö MARR: Abt 1822 --72          BIRTH: Abt 1765
                                  ö RIN: 338                   ö                                 ,,New York,USA
                                  ö BIRTH: 14 Aug 1839         ö DEATH: 11 Apr 1842       18 ----------------------------
                                  ö    Dearborn,Wayn,Mich,USA  ö    Dearborn,Wayn,Mich,USA  ö RIN:
                                  ö MARR:  1 Apr 1863 --74    9 Isabella Sabrina------------ö BIRTH:
                                  ö    Harlem,Cook,Illino,USA    RIN: 332                   ö
                                  ö DEATH:  3 May 1889           BIRTH: Abt 1807          19 ----------------------------
    2 George Wilbur DANIELS-------ö    NewTroy,Berri,Mich,USA       ,,Pennsylvania,USA        RIN:
     ö RIN: 1031                  ö                              BURIAL:                      BIRTH:
     ö BIRTH: 31 Jul 1871         ö
     ö    NewTroy,Berrien,Mich,USAö                                                       20 Ashbel ~~Bradford~~ STEELE----
     ö MARR: 24 Nov 1897 --82     ö                                                         ö RIN: 4477
     ö    NewTroy,Berrien,Mich,USAö                          10 Ashbel STEELE---------------ö BIRTH:  3 Aug 1757
     ö DEATH: 27 Jan 1957         ö                            ö RIN: 340                   ö    ~~Derby,NewHaven~~,Conne,USA
     ö    BentoHarbo,Berr,Mich,USAö                            ö BIRTH:  8 Aug 1793       21 Eunice THOMPSON-------------
     ö                           5 Mary Alice STEELE-----------ö    Derby,NewHave,Conn,USA    RIN: 4478
     ö                              RIN: 342                   ö MARR: Abt 1827 --73          BIRTH:  5 Jan 1762
     ö                              BIRTH:  8 Sep 1840         ö    Rochester,Monro,NY,USA       Derby,NewHaven,Conne,USA
     ö                                 Chicago,Cook,Illin,USA  ö DEATH: 26 Sep 1861       22 DAWLEY---------------------
     ö                              DEATH:  8 Sep 1919         ö    RiveFore,Cook,Illi,USA  ö RIN: 3073
     ö                                 NewTroy,Berr,Mich,USA 11 Harriet DAWLEY--------------ö BIRTH:
     ö                                                           RIN: 341                   ö
     ö                                                           BIRTH: Abt 1809          23 ----------------------------
 1 Dorothy D DANIELS--------------                                  ,,,England                RIN:
     ö RIN: 102                                                  DEATH: 25 Jul 1895           BIRTH:
     ö BIRTH: 12 Jan 1899                                           RiveFore,Cook,Illi,USA
     ö    NewTroy,Berrien,Mich,USA                                                        24 Smith LUDLAM---------------
     ö MARR: 22 Jul 1921 --13                                                               ö RIN: 357
     ö    NewTroy,Berrien,Mich,USA                               12 Hamilton LUDLUM-------------ö BIRTH: 13 Sep 1765
     ö DEATH: 27 May 1978                                      ö RIN: 365                   ö    Elizabeth,EssexUn,NJ,USA
     ö    BentoHarbo,Berr,Mich,USA                             ö BIRTH: 22 Jul 1805       25 Ruth BADGLEY---------------
     ö                                                         ö    Hopkinsv,Warr,Ohio,USA    RIN: 364
     ö SPOUSE(S):                6 Smith Dey LUDLUM------------ö MARR:  2 Sep 1827 --80       BIRTH: 17 May 1764
     ö Howard Toy WOOLEY          ö RIN: 379                   ö     ,Warren,Ohio,USA            ,EssexUnion,NewJerse,USA
     ö                            ö BIRTH:  8 Jun 1833         ö DEATH:  5 Aug 1858       26 Alexander WILSON------------
     ö                            ö    Hopkinsv,Warr,Ohio,USA  ö    Hopkinsv,Warr,Ohio,USA  ö RIN: 376
     ö                            ö MARR: 30 Aug 1858 --81   13 Genetta WILSON--------------ö BIRTH: 16 Nov 1782
     ö                            ö    Hopkinsv,Warr,Ohio,USA    RIN: 378                   ö     ,,Virginia,USA
     ö                            ö DEATH: 30 Aug 1913           BIRTH: Abt 1809          27 Rozetta FIELD---------------
    3 Waty LUDLUM-----------------ö    NewTroy,Berri,Mich,USA       ,Warren,Ohio,USA          RIN: 377
       RIN: 391                   ö                              DEATH:  5 Jun 1840           BIRTH: 15 Sep 1790
       BIRTH: 24 Jan 1875         ö                                 Hopkinsv,Warr,Ohio,USA       ,,New Jersey,USA
          NewTroy,Berrien,Mich,USAö                                                       28 TRUMP-----------------------
       DEATH: 21 May 1967         ö                                                         ö RIN: 1262
          Coloma,Berrien,Michi,USAö                          14 Elliott TRUMP---------------ö BIRTH:
                                  ö                            ö RIN: 662                   ö
                                  ö                            ö BIRTH: 27 Oct 1818       29 Elizabeth-------------------
                                 7 Eunice ARRISON--------------ö     ,Warren,Ohio,USA         RIN: 4777
                                    RIN: 386                   ö MARR: never married --174    BIRTH:
                                    BIRTH:  4 Jan 1843         ö     ,Warren,Ohio,USA
                                       Hopkinsv,Warr,Ohio,USA  ö DEATH: 29 Aug 1843       30 ARRISON---------------------
                                    DEATH: 19 Sep 1927         ö    SLebanon,Warr,Ohio,USA  ö RIN: 5096
                                       NewTroy,Berr,Mich,USA 15 Mary Ann ARRISON------------ö BIRTH:
                                                                 RIN: 663                   ö
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                                                                    ,,Ohio,USA                RIN:
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Children of ASHABEL^5 (148) *and Rachel* (*Skinner*) *Steele.*

(345) 1. NABBY^6 b. 1758; d. Jan. 20, 1772, aged 14.

(346) 2. GEORGE^6 b. ——; d. young.

(347) 3. ASHABEL, Jr.^{6} b. ——; d. Nov. 1, 1793.

(348) 4. RACHEL^6 b. 1763; m. Feb. 17, 1787, Charles R. Webster, printer and bookseller, Albany, N. Y.; she d. of consumption, March 31, 1794, aged 30; he m. 2d, Cynthia, sister of his 1st wife, at Albany, April 2, 1796; he d. at Saratoga Springs, where he had repaired for his health, July 18, 1834, aged 72. "He was of the old, and well known firm of Websters & Skinners," printers and booksellers.

(348½) 5. CYNTHIA^6 b. 1770; m. Charles R. Webster; d. at Albion, Orleans county, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1848, aged 78.

Children of Capt. STEPHEN^5 (153) *and Hannah* (*Chapman*) *Steele.*

(349) 1. STEPHEN^6 b. July 10, 1749; d. Nov. 26, 1750.

(350) 2. HANNAH^6 b. Nov. 2, 1750; d. March 25, 1826, aged 76.

(351) 3. STEPHEN, 2d,^{6} b. Aug. 31, 1752.

(352) 4. RUTH^6 b. Sept. 14, 1755; d. Dec. 31, 1758.

(353) 5. PEREZ^6 (865) b. May 1, 1758; m. Hannah Simmons of Tolland, Conn., June 7, 1781; he d. Feb. 28, 1836; she d. March 4, 1832; 11 children. "He was a member of the Legislature of New York from Greene county, in the years 1808–'12–'13 and 1820."

(354) 6. RUTH^6 b. April 19, 1762; m. Samuel R. Kingsbury.

(355) 7. MARY^6 b. July 25, 1765; m. Asa Howard.

(356) 8. DANIEL^6 (876) b. July 24, 1769; m. Dec. 14, 1797, Prudence Hatch; he d. Sept. 17, 1808, aged 39; 6 children.

Children of ELEAZAR^5 (154) *Steele and wives.*

(357) 1. ELEAZAR, Jr.^{6} (882) b. Aug. 20, 1753; m. Dec. 16, 1779, Rebecca Lathrop; he d. June 26, 1809; she d. March 3, 1806; 11 children.

(358) 2. ANN^6 b. April 10, 1755.

(359) 3. SAMUEL^6 b. May 7, 1757; d. in Revolutionary war, in service; had a son, Eleazar F. Steele, who went to Vermont.

(360) 4. RUTH^6 b. April 27, 1760; d. April 23, 1775.

(361) 5. ASHBEL^6 (893) b. March 15, 1765; m. March 26, 1789, Elizabeth Willis; he d. May 30, 1831, in Tolland, Conn.; she d. Jan. 26, 1832; 6 children.

(362) 6. JOEL^6 b. July 24, 1762; d. March 18, 1778.

Children of ABRAHAM⁴ (148) *and Rachel* (Skinner) *Steele.*

(345) 1. NABBY⁵ b. 1759; d. Jan. 20, 1773, aged 14.
(346) 2. GEORGE⁵ b. ——; d. young.
(347) 3. ABRAHAM, Jr.⁵ b. ——; d. Nov. 1, 1793.

(348) 4. RACHEL⁵ b. 1763; m. Feb. 17, 1787, Charles R. Webster, printer and bookseller, Albany, N. Y.; she d. of consumption March 21, 1793, aged 30; he m. 2d, Cynthia, sister of his 1st wife, at Albany, April 2, 1796; he d. at Saratoga Springs, where he had removed for his health, July 18, 1834, aged 72. "He was of the old, and well known firm of Websters & Skinners," printers and booksellers.

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Children of Capt. STEPHEN⁴ (153) *and Ruth* (Chapman) *Steele.*

(349) 1. STEPHEN⁵ b. July 16, 1757; d. Nov. 20, 1759.
(350) 2. DANIEL⁵ b. Nov. 2, 1759; d. March 22, 1836, aged 76.
(351) 3. STEPHEN, 2d⁵ b. Jan. 31, 1762.
(352) 4. RUTH⁵ b. Sept. 18, 1763; d. Dec. 31, 1763.

(353) 5. PERES⁵ (365) b. Mar. 1, 1765; m. Hannah Simmons of Tolland, Conn., June 7, 1787; he d. Feb. 28, 1830; she d. March 4, 1832; 11 children. "He was a member of the Legislature of New York from Ontario county, in the years 1808–'10–'11 and 1820."

(354) 6. RUTH⁵ b. April 18, 1767; m. Samuel R. Kingsbury.
(355) 7. MARY⁵ b. July 25, 1769; m. Asa Howard.

(356) 8. DANIEL⁵ (376) b. July 24, 1789; m. Dec. 14, 1797, Prudence Hatch; he d. Sept. 17, 1828, aged 39; 6 children.

Children of ELEAZER⁴ (154) *Steele and wife.*

(357) 1. ELEAZER, Jr.⁵ (359) b. Aug. 23, 1753; m. Dec. 16, 1773, Rebecca Lathrop; he d. June 20, 1800; she d. March 3, 1806; 11 children.

(358) 2. ANN⁵ b. April 19, 1755.

(359) 3. SAMUEL⁵ b. May 7, 1757; d. in Revolutionary war, in Albany; had a son, Eleazer F. Steele, who went to Vermont.

(360) 4. RUTH⁵ b. April 27, 1760; d. April 23, 1773.

(361) 5. AARON⁵ (385) b. March 15, 1765; m. March 26, 1788, Elizabeth White; he d. May 30, 1831, in Tolland, Conn.; she d. Jan. 20, 1839; 6 children.

(362) 6. JOEL⁵ b. July 24, 1769; d. March 15, 1773.

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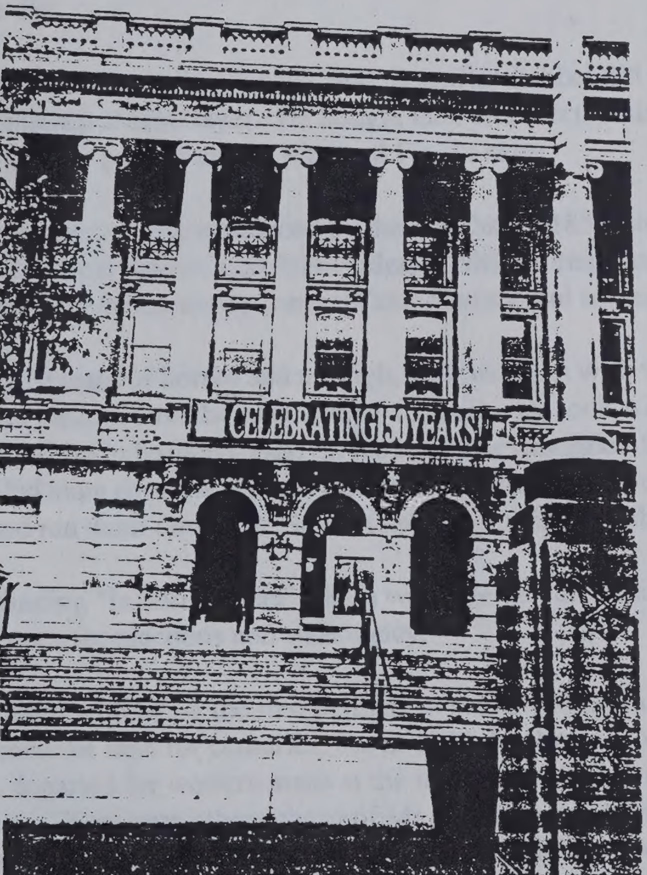
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Chicago/Cook County Pioneer Ancestors-Ashbel and Harriet (Dawley) Steele

Applicant/Descendant - George Edward Wooley

Julius Ashbel Steele, of English descent, was born in Derby (New Haven), Connecticut about 1794. His first wife died in 1823 at the birth of their son, Julius Augustus, in Rochester, New York. About 1827 Julius Ashbel Steele married Harriet Dawley who was born in England about 1815. The furniture which they bought at the time of their marriage, including a piano, was brought to Chicago with them in 1833. Mr. Steele rode from Rochester to Chicago on horseback, sending his family and household effects by boat. The entire family arrived in Chicago on the same day.

The Steeles established their home in Chicago, and thereafter Ashbel did not use the name "Julius." He was a mason and bricklayer. He bought land and erected his home (the first brick dwelling in Chicago) on the present site of Marshall Field's store.

That he was a man of importance is evidenced by the fact that in 1834 Steele was a member of a vigilance committee to guard against a cholera epidemic which threatened Chicago. That same year he was elected coroner of the newly formed Cook County and served four years.

Ashbel Steele had a fine team of horses and a sleigh, and two dogs with which to hunt wolves during the winter over what is now the west side of Chicago. He took with him his wife and two little girls, well wrapped up in buffalo robes. In his letters he described the thrill of the swift flight of his long-tailed team over the smooth flat surface of the snowbound prairie. The dogs roused the wolves and ran them down, the Steele family following the chase in their low sleigh.

Ashbel also told of finding "Indian ladders" which were used by the Indians in that region to climb to the tops of trees for raccoons and wild honey.

Ashbel Steele is credited with being the first permanent settler (1836) in what is now River Forest. Indians roamed the land for centuries, but in 1830 the Pottawatomies, the last tribe to inhabit this section, departed for western areas at the insistence of the white settlers who were drifting into this area. There were others ahead of Mr. Steele, but they moved on. The establishment of a steam sawmill on the east bank of the Des Plaines (then the Aux Plaines) River preceded Mr. Steele's coming by five years. This mill later became the property of Mr. Steele and a partner. The first sawed timbers for the north and south piers at the harbor entrance of the Chicago River were transported from this mill. The mill was a profitable business venture, as demand for lumber was increasing daily by settlers arriving in Chicago.

The Steele homestead comprised 117 ½ acres, forty of which were on the west side of the river. Mr. Steele erected a commodious red brick house in a clearing west of what is now Thatcher Avenue and the Northwestern Railway, which at first he used as a store as well as a dwelling.

n 1840 he became the first sheriff of Cook County, being elected by the Whig party. He retained his official residence in River Forest during his incumbency of the sheriff's office and, when his term expired, resumed his activities in his newly adopted home.

In 1849 he was appointed postmaster of Noyesville (now River Forest). The post office, which served practically all of western Cook County, was first located in the Ten Mile House, a tavern located at what is now Lake Street and First Avenue, Maywood, and later moved to Noyesville.

A short while after constructing his home in River Forest, Mr. Steele moved his business from his home to Montezuma Hall, a large frame building with two wings which he erected on an Indian meeting site at the southeast corner of Thatcher and Lake Street. Here he operated a tavern, post office, general store and stagecoach stop.

The stagecoaches came crashing into town with the driver cracking his whip over the heads of the leading horses, and stretching them to a twelve-mile-an-hour gallop, bringing passengers and mail to the frontier post.

In front of Montezuma Hall the painted sign of General Winthrop Scott, seated on a white charger, was a welcome sight for the stage passengers. The store and the inn were tended by the older Steele children. Open cracker barrels tempted the transient guests, and bits of tallow candles sunk into little blocks were set on the counter to light their way to bed. Copies of the latest Chicago newspaper, "The Daily American," first published in 1839, were available for guests' reading. One night's lodging cost 12 ½ ¢, supper and breakfast were offered for an additional 25¢. A unique provision of Steele's inn was that one might have a bed for himself, instead of bedding down with any gentleman of the road. It was said that Ashbel Steele and his family always made their guests comfortable. Rum, wine, gin and whiskey washed the dust off the rasped throats, and at the opposite end of Steele's bar, a quill pen, poised in a box of shot, was a reminder to guests to write a letter home.

When the coach whistle blew, it was not only a signal that visitors had arrived but, more important, that the mail had arrived. Settlers from areas almost ten miles from the village came to receive their mail. There were no stamps or envelopes. The writer placed his message on one side of a large sheet of paper, folded it into a neat oblong with the blank side out on which he wrote the address, and left a corner blank where the postmaster would write the required postage due. Twenty-five cents was the price for the average letter from the east, but a single man had to pay an additional charge. One cent was the charge for sending a local letter.

The Steele's store sold a few foods, household essentials, and special items that could be ordered. Maple sugar, flour, and pepper were always available. They were sold by weight and wrapped in brown paper. Tobacco was a popular item. It was sold bit by bit, and then also weighed for price.

When the Steeles decided upon the location for their home, Mr. Steele immediately sent a large order to a nursery in Rochester for fruit trees, hard maples and white pines trees, currant and gooseberry bushes, ornamental shrubs, and bulbs to contribute to the beauty of the setting.

Across the south side of the meadow chosen, a large orchard was planted. There were at least eight varieties of apple trees, besides crabapple, plum, pear, mulberry, and peach trees. As the years passed, this orchard produced great quantities of fine fruit.

Ashbel Steele never plowed or grazed his land (except for his neighbor's pigs, which he allowed to be turned loose on his property), thereby preserving the abundance of native flowers and grasses that have disappeared from other parts of Illinois. At the same time, he can be blamed for introducing non-native species into the area which have spread and, in many cases, overwhelmed native plants.

In the early days of the gold rush to California (1852), Julius Augustus Steele (Ashbel's son) left his home in Chicago and went west to Sonoma County, California, where he married Mrs. Elizabeth Norton White, a widow with one daughter, Lucy. Mrs. Elizabeth Norton Steele was the first woman doctor of Sonoma County, and one of the ~~first~~ women to receive a license to practice medicine from the State of California.

Ashbel Stele was a builder by trade, and erected some of the early buildings in River Forest, one of the last being the old Harlem School building constructed in 1860 at Lake Street and Park Avenue. The Harlem School was a two-story brick and stone building, an outstanding, functional and architectural achievement for a school structure. It contained its own well water and individual room stoves for heat, and was constructed to be as "fire safe" as possible. It was the largest school building of its time between Chicago and Elgin. It served not only River Forest, but Maywood, Forest Park, and Oak Park, or what are now those municipalities.

One of Mr. Steele's granddaughters described him as a "slender man, about five feet-ten inches of the Uncle Sam type." She said he was jovial and kindhearted, but firm in a stand which he believed was right. This often was demonstrated while sheriff of this frontier county, and in the community where his home was the center of much activity; business, social and political.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Steele contributed to the development of the River Forest community, Mrs. Steele devotedly labored for the establishment of secular and non-secular education, whereas Mr. Steele's varied interests emphasized political, business and social progress. Ashbel Steele died September 26, 1861, at approximately 67 years of age.

Ashbel Steele article
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Mrs. Harriet Dawley Steele, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church before moving to River Forest, was instrumental in organizing the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest after her husband's death. She died July 25, 1895, at 80 years of age.

Mr. Steele was first buried in a private cemetery on his own land in River Forest, and in later years was moved to Forest Home Cemetery, where Mrs. Steele is also buried, in Lot 274, Section 1. This section is designated as "the pioneer section: by the Historical Society of Forest Park. In 1995 a new monument was erected on the gravesite; the old one could not be repaired.

Ashbel and Harriet Steele had nine children, all born in Illinois. Seven of them were daughters and one daughter died while young. Their nine children were:

Francis	born 1835
Clara	born 1836
Eunice Ann	born 18--
Sarah	born 1838
Mary Alice	born 1840
Emma J.	born 1841
John	born 1844
Eunice	born 1846
George E.	born 1848.

ELIZABETH mar GEO-LIGATE

All their children (except George) married, and Ashbel and Harriet had many descendants, several of whom lived in River Forest. George remained a bachelor and occupied the old homestead over sixty years. The home was demolished about 1914 and some of the land was sold to the Forest Preserve Commission about 1917.

~~Steele~~
Jo Woolley

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DIRECT LINEAGE CHART

GENERATION 1: PIONEER ANCESTOR HARRIET (DAWLEY) STEELE

GENERATION 2: Child MARY ALICE was my GREAT GR. MOTHER
Born 8 SEP 1840 Where CHICAGO (COOK) IL
Died 8 SEP 1919 Where NEW TROY (BERRIEN) MI
Married 1 APR 1863 Where HARLEM (COOK) IL
Spouse (~~maiden name~~) FRANCIS ASBURY DANIELS

GENERATION 3: Child GEORGE WILBUR DANIELS was my GRANDFATHER
Born 31 JUL 1871 Where NEW TROY (BERRIEN) MI
Died 27 JAN 1957 Where BENTON HARBOR (BERRIEN) MI
Married 24 NOV 1897 Where NEW TROY (BERRIEN) MI
Spouse (maiden name) WATY LUDLUM

GENERATION 4: Child DOROTHY D. DANIELS was my MOTHER
Born 12 JAN 1899 Where NEW TROY (BERIEN) MI
Died 27 MAY 1978 Where BENTON HARBOR (BERRIEN) MI
Married 22 JUL 1921 Where NEW TROY (BERRIEN) MI
Spouse (~~maiden name~~) HOWARD TOY WOOLEY

GENERATION 5: Child GEORGE EDWARD WOOLEY ~~was~~ my myself
Born 23 FEB 1925 Where NEW TROY (BERRIEN) MI
Died living Where
Married 18 APR 1948 Where BENTON HARBOR (BERRIEN) MI
Spouse (maiden name) FRANCES ROSE FROBERG

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GENERATION 2: Child GEORGE WILBUR DANIELS was my grandfather

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Died 27 JAN 1957 Where BENTON HARBOR (BERRIEN) MI

Married 24 NOV 1897 Where NEW TROY (BERRIEN) MI

Spouse (maiden name) WATY LUDLUM

GENERATION 3: Child DOROTHY D. DANIELS was my MOTHER

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Died 27 MAY 1978 Where BENTON HARBOR (BERRIEN) MI

Married 22 JUL 1921 Where NEW TROY (BERRIEN) MI

Spouse (~~maiden name~~) HOWARD TOY WOOLEY

GENERATION 4: Child GEORGE EDWARD WOOLEY ~~was my~~ Myself

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Died living Where

Married 18 APR 1948 Where BENTON HARBOR (BERRIEN) MI

Spouse (maiden name) FRANCES ROSE FROBERG

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      Name          (Birth/Chr.-Death/Burial)   Birth/Chr. Place
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1-- Francis Asbury DANIELS-338 (1839-1889)  Dearborn,Wayne,Michigan,USA
 sp-Mary Alice STEELE-342 (1840-1919)  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
   2-- Flora Elizabeth DANIELS-347 (1864-1937)  New Troy,Berrien,Michigan,USA
    sp-Leander Augustus ADDISON-44 (1861-1923)
      3-- Edith Mary (twin) ADDISON-43 (1882-1934)  New Troy,Berrien,Michigan,USA
       sp-James SMITH-739 (    -    )
      3-- Mable (twin) ADDISON-42 (1882-    )
      3-- Roy Elwood ADDISON-40 (1884-1961)
       sp-Florence Gertrude GRIMES-39 (1876-1940)
         4-- Louise ADDISON-6 (    -    )
          sp-KNUTSON-10 (    -    )
         4-- Earl ADDISON-705 (    -    )
         4-- Marion ADDISON-735 (    -    )
      3-- Ross ADDISON-255 (1886-    )
      3-- Guy Hartwell ADDISON-860 (1887-1938)
       sp-Matilda DUNSTEADT-737 (1894-1984)
      3-- Carrie Mae ADDISON-743 (1892-1973)
       sp-Walter MORLEY-736 (1891-1974)
   2-- George Wilbur DANIELS-1031 (1871-1957)  New Troy,Berrien,Michigan,USA
    sp-Waty LUDLUM-391 (1875-1967)  New Troy,Berrien,Michigan,USA
      3-- Dorothy D DANIELS-102 (1899-1978)  New Troy,Berrien,Michigan,USA
       sp-Howard Toy WOOLEY-1471 (1894-1972)  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
         4-- Richard Daniels WOOLEY-103 (1923-    )  New Troy,Berrien,Michigan,USA
          sp-Geraldine Pauline SPITZER-177 (1923-    )  Bridgman,Berrien,Michigan,USA
            5-- Cheryl Lyn WOOLEY-178 (1948-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
             sp-Ronald GEIK-195 (1948-    )  Bridgman,Berrien,Michigan,USA
               6-- Rachel Ann GEIK-196 (1975-    )  Spearfish,Lawrence,S Dakota,USA
               6-- Adam Richard GEIK-197 (1978-    )  Michigan City,Laporte,Indiana,USA
            5-- Richard Edward WOOLEY-179 (1949-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
             sp-Debra Jane DRIER-198 (1949-    )
               6-- David Edward WOOLEY-199 (1974-    )  Michigan City,Laporte,Indiana,USA
               6-- Scott Richard WOOLEY-200 (1977-    )  Michigan City,Laporte,Indiana,USA
            5-- Robin Howard WOOLEY-180 (1951-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
             sp-Janet Marie LOOMIS-202 (1958-    )  Wyandotte,Wayne,Michigan,USA
               6-- Nichole Marie WOOLEY-203 (1989-    )  Liverpool,Onondaga,New York,USA
               6-- Kelsey Pauline WOOLEY-2721 (1991-    )  Liverpool,Onondaga,New York,USA
            5-- Randall Scott WOOLEY-181 (1960-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
         4-- George Edward WOOLEY-104 (1925-    )  New Troy,Berrien,Michigan,USA
          sp-Frances Rose FROBERG-106 (1926-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
            5-- Robert Albin WOOLEY-107 (1952-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
             sp-Linda Christine GREEN-218 (1953-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
               6-- Kevin Michael WOOLEY-219 (1975-    )  St Joseph,Berrien,Michigan,USA
                sp-Kerry Ann HANSON-5102 (1975-    )  ,,Michigan,USA
               6-- Steven Matthew WOOLEY-220 (1981-    )  St Joseph,Berrien,Michigan,USA
               6-- Sean Martin WOOLEY-221 (1987-1993)  St Joseph,Berrien,Michigan,USA
            5-- James Howard WOOLEY-108 (1953-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
             sp-Toy Lee MC DOUGAL-222 (1953-    )  Colby,Thomas,Kansas,USA
               6-- Erin Ann WOOLEY-223 (1984-    )  Ft Riley,Riley,Kansas,USA
               6-- Amy Lee WOOLEY-224 (1986-    )  Ft Bliss,El Paso,Texas,USA
            5-- Nancy Colleen WOOLEY-109 (1956-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
            5-- Martha Sue WOOLEY-110 (1959-1959)  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
            5-- Wesley Alan WOOLEY-111 (1966-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
             sp-Nancy Marie VAN LOO-5103 (1967-    )  ,,Michigan,USA
         4-- Mary Alyce WOOLEY-105 (1931-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
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           sp-Garold R (Jerry) HETTIG-187 (1931-1984)  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
              5-- Rebecca Lyn HETTIG-188 (1954-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
               sp-David FREEHLING-2722 (    -    )
                  6-- Olivia D FREEHLING-48 (1995-    )  St Joseph,Berrien,Michigan,USA
              5-- Marc G HETTIG-189 (1957-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
               sp-Shelia BREKKE-190 (1957-    )  Fairbault,Goodhue,Minnesota,USA
                  6-- Neil Howard HETTIG-191 (1982-    )  St Joseph,Berrien,Michigan,USA
               sp-Denise PIERCE-329 (1957-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
                  6-- Caleb Daniel HETTIG-330 (1991-    )  Berrien Springs,Berrien,Michigan,USA
                  6-- Lucas Karl HETTIG-2837 (1992-    )  Berrien Springs,Berrien,Michigan,USA
        3-- Francis (Frank) Ludlum DANIELS-396 (1905-    )  New Troy,Berrien,Michigan,USA
         sp-Lydia Jenks WIEDER-2714 (1906-1997)  Paris,Edgar,Illinois,USA
            4-- George Wieder DANIELS-2715 (1941-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
            4-- John Richard DANIELS-2716 (1943-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
             sp-Diane Margaret STOREY-2719 (1948-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
                5-- Jonathan Austin DANIELS-2720 (1982-    )  Green Brae,San Francisco,California,USA
            4-- Margaret Ann DANIELS-2717 (1949-    )  Benton Harbor,Berrien,Michigan,USA
    2-- Eunice E DANIELS-344 (1877-1952)  New Troy,Berrien,Michigan,USA
     sp-Charles E PETERSON-2811 (1880-1937)
        3-- Raymond PETERSON-2810 (    -    )
         sp-Dorothy SCOTT-2807 (1909-1997)
            4-- Allan Charles PETERSON-2806 (1940-    )  Oak Park,Cook,Illinois,USA
             sp-Arleen Peggy LAMMERSFELD-4896 (1942-    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                5-- Jeffrey Allan PETERSON-4897 (1962-    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                 sp-Christina GODINEZ-4900 (1970-    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                    6-- Robert Allan PETERSON-4901 (1990-    )  Arlington Hts,Cook,Illinois,USA
                5-- Carloyn Sue PETERSON-4898 (1963-    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                 sp-Fred PRICE-4902 (1961-    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                    6-- Rebecca PRICE-4903 (1991-    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                    6-- Justin PRICE-4904 (1993-    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                5-- Heather Marie PETERSON-4899 (1965-    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                 sp-Samuel Joseph LASCO-4905 (1953-    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                    6-- Nicole LASCO-4906 (1994-    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                 sp-Edward QUAGLIA-4907 (1957-    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                 ~~sp-Dale Robert CHARNOTA-4908 (1964-~~    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
                    ~~6-- Erika Faith CHARNOTA-4909 (1996-~~    )  Chicago,Cook,Illinois,USA
            4-- Ronald PETERSON-2805 (    -    )
        3-- Alice PETERSON-2808 (    -    )
    2-- Emma J DANIELS-345 (1879-1946)  New Troy,Berrien,Michigan,USA
     sp-Peter J PIERCE-896 (    -    )
    2-- Clara L (Carrie) DANIELS-346 (    -1944)
     sp-Solomon MC KEEN-270 (1862-1922)
    2-- John DANIELS-348 (    -    )
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Favorite haunts: *The Troost Monument in Forest Home Cemetery was one of the stops on Sunday's 5th Annual Cemetery Walk in Forest Park. (Journal photo by Frank Pinc)*

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Death comes to life on walk

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5TH ANNUAL CEMETERY WALK

~~1926~~

Last Sunday was a perfect day to talk with the dead. At Forest Home Cemetery, the dead were out in force, courtesy of The Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest, which hosted its 5th Annual Cemetery Walk.

They were volunteer interpreters, of course, dressed in period costume, but there is something undeniably eerie about seeing a solitary figure, dressed in another century's garb, standing silently by her grave awaiting your arrival.

Our group of 20 or so ghostbusters (some 400-500 attended) had our first encounter of the supernatural kind with Doug Deuchler, momentarily transformed into Wright Elsom, whom he describes as "The Celozzi-Ettleson of the turn of the century." Elsom and his son were the first automobile dealers in the area, back when the horseless carriage was an oddity. Elsom died in 1909.

One stop featured musicians and a small choir, in front of which sat Rev. Ray Pritchard as evangelist Billy Sunday, contemplating a baseball. On the grass at his feet, a generous sprinkling of sawdust.

Sunday was the baseball player-turned preacher who, as the song goes, could not shut Chicago down, though not for lack of trying. His marker reads, "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith."

Pritchard, wearing suspenders, his hair parted down the middle, is an inspired choice for the role. He's a natural ham and tells Sunday's story with verve, right down to the sawdust trail, which the evangelist used on the floorboards at his revivals to muffle the sound of the many converts coming forward to be saved.

"When the Great Umpire of the universe makes the final call," Pritchard pitches, echoing his famous predecessor, "will you be safe at home or `out' for all eternity?"

Other persons of distinction appear, as if from nowhere, as we shuffle through the fallen leaves and wind our way about the southeast quadrant, the oldest portion of Forest Home. The place has a timeless feel to it, surrounded as we are by oaks, maples, catalpas, some blazing with color, many of which have witnessed the burials of the very figures being discussed. Sophia Bansbach is here with three children. They perished in the Iroquois Theatre fire along with 598 others. Caroline Hancock Hall (Ginnie Cassin) gives a quick tour of the Hemingway family plot, which includes the famous author's parents, Clarence and Grace. Caroline notes that her picture is on the wall of their old house, the one where Ernest was born. "A hundred years later, people are still remembering me and visiting," she said, "Now that's immortality."

Oak Park Village President Larry Christmas appeared as the patriarch of the Austin clan, Henry Sr., the man who bought out the taverns, poured whiskey into the streets and turned Oak Park "dry" for a century.

June Atkinson played Mary Kettlestrings, wife of Joseph, the first permanent settler of Oak Park, who purchased 175 acres for $1.25 per acre in 1835. Wearing a shawl and feathery hat, she talked about losing three of nine children within 10 days during the epidemic of 1844.

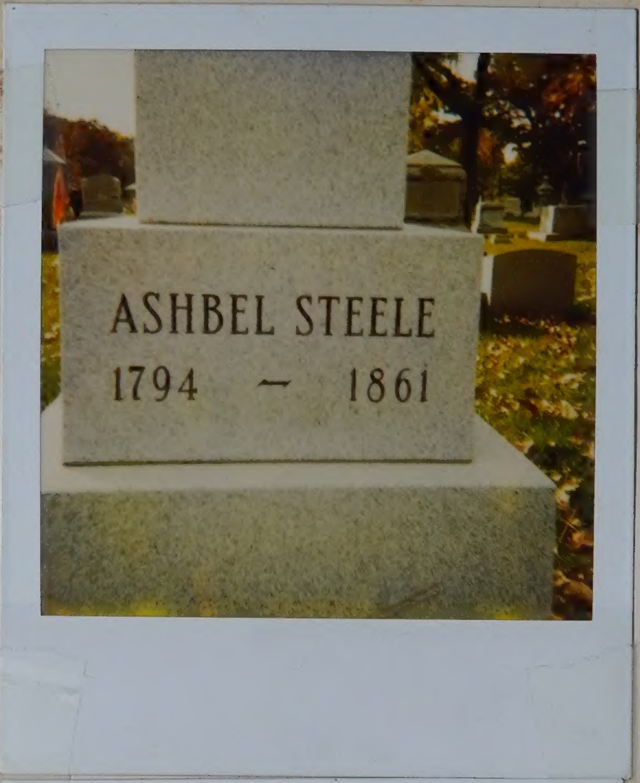
The new monument to Ashbel Steele, founder of River Forest, was on display. This event began as an effort to pay for the $4,000 granite obelisk which replaced the one that had deteriorated beyond repair. Sophy Drechsler made an appearance, dressed in mourning garb, appropriate since she was the wife of Charles Drechsler, a prominent undertaker whose descendants still run the Drechsler-Brown Funeral Home.

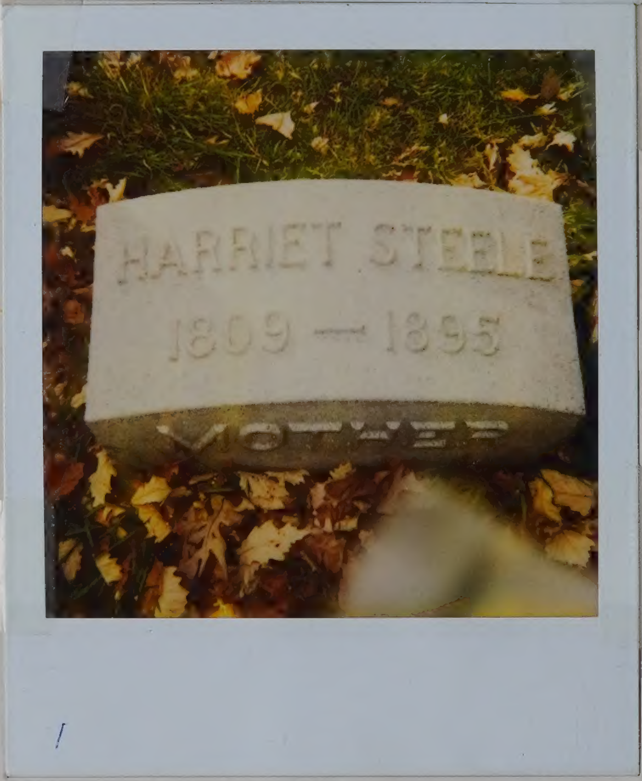
Doris Humphrey demonstrated some moves that made her a pioneer of modern dance. When her "human resistance to gravity" finally gave out, she was laid to rest near her minister grandfather, after whom Humphrey Avenue is named.

Michael Termine told the sad tale of Philander Barclay, whose life ended in suicide after years of drug addiction. Everyone in Oak Park knew him, but he had no close friends. He stayed on the outer edge, recording life at the turn of the century in more than 600 photos which have become an invaluable historical resource. His ashes were scattered in Forest Home.

Termine spoke about the dark and lonely moments in which he contemplated the failure of his life, but now his photos have made their way into books and exhibits, and he has two restaurants named after him (Philander's and Poor Phil's). Standing among the giant crypts and obelisks and statues of brooding angels, he realized maybe he wasn't such a failure after all. "I'm glad I came back," he said.

—Ken Trainor


ASHBEL STEELE
1794 — 1861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Mr. Harvey Richards left Wednesday night to join his son in the hotel business in California. Mrs. Richards will follow as soon as her health will permit. In the meantime she is stopping at the home of Mrs. Boag.

The home of Mr. Jacobs was burglarized Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock. A watch, overcoat and money were taken, and the pantry was visited as a matter of course. The identity of the knight of the night is unknown.

Barr & Collins' big sleigh is an object of love and veneration among the school children. Thoughts of it often come during study hours to distract them from lessons. But for all that they are having a jolly good time a-sleighing.

Mr. Goldsmith purchased a lot of Townsend & Houser on Lathrop avenue. The price paid is not yet known. Mr. Goldsmith has let the contract for his new residence to E. E. Andrews. It will be a two-story frame with stone basement and modern.

"Childhood" was the subject of several able and instructive papers at the meeting of the Belles Letters Society which held this week's meeting at the home of Mrs. A. F. Millikan, North Park avenue, Monday night. The society has thirty-five members on its roll.

Miss Harriet Steel died of pneumonia Monday night. Her funeral took place from her home and her remains were interred at Forest Home. The case is a very sad one, as it is but a few days since Unice, her sister, died of the same fell disease. Their brother has the sympathy of the whole community in his sorrow.

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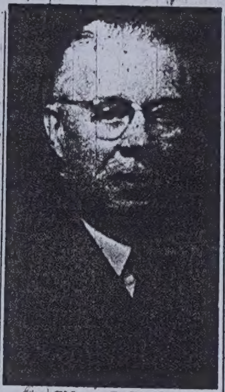
Sidney J. Steele, great-grandson of first R.F. settler, dies

The first salesman for Continental Can co., Sidney J. Steele, 93, of 1139 Lathrop, died Apr. 21 in West Suburban hospital. He moved to River Forest from Maywood in 1929.

Mr. Steele was first with American Can. but in 1905 he and several other employes quit to form Continental. He was vice chairman of the board and member of the executive committee when he retired.

He was the husband of the late Florence DeLap Steele, who died in March 1958; father of Mrs. Robert (Paula) Arcus of Wheaton, Sidney R. of River Forest, and William D. of Highland Park; grandfather of eight, and great-grandfather of six.


Sidney J. Steele

Services were conducted Apr. 23 in Christ Episcopal church by the Rev. T. R. Gracia, rector. Burial was in Mount Emblem.

Mr. Steele's great-grandfather, Ashbel, was the first permanent settler in the River Forest area in 1836. He was a builder and one of the first structures he erected was the old "Harlem" school in 1860. It still stands at Lake and Park on the present school premises and which has lately been made a permanent landmark.

The Steele homestead comprised 117½ acres, 40 of them on the west side of the Des Plaines river, where he built a large home west of Thatcher near the Northwestern tracks.

This building was used as a store as well as a dwelling until he moved his business to Montezuma hall, a large frame building on Lake st. across from the present Methodist church. Here he conducted a tavern, post office and general store.

Ashbel Steele was elected coroner and his certificate of election was signed by the governor in Aug. 20, 1834. He was elected sheriff in 1840, and appointed postmaster of Noyesville in 1849.

Noyesville served practically all the western suburbs and was first located in "Ten Mile House" at Lake st. and First ave., Maywood. It was later moved to River Forest but was still called Noyesville.

Mr. Steele, of English descent, was born in Vermont and came from Rochester, N.Y., to Chicago in 1833. He rode from Rochester on horse back while his family and furnishings (including a piano) came by boat. They arrived in Chicago the same day.

Ashbel Steele died Sept. 26, 1861 and his wife in 1895. His remains were first buried on his own land in River Forest but were later moved to Forest Home cemetery.

Obituaries

Rudolph Bleier, lawyer-banker, dies

A former trust officer of the Lawndale National bank, Rudolph Bleier, 66, of 1031 N. Harlem, died Apr. 26 in his home after a long illness.

He was born in Chicago and lived in the village 15 years.

Mr. Bleier was an assistant state's attorney under John Gutknecht in the 1940's. He later went to the Lawndale bank where he served until his retirement in 1964. He was a member of the Chicago, and Illinois Bar assns.

He was the husband of Johanna; brother of Jennie, Minnie, and Charles; uncle of three nieces and one nephew.

Services were conducted Tuesday in Drechsler-Brown funeral home by the Rev. F. A. Momenthy of First Congregational church. Memorials were suggested for the Chicago Heart assn.

Ann Eggers

Ann Eggers, 52, of 505 Ferdinand, died Apr. 26 in an Elgin hospital. She was a long-time employe of Belz Drug in the Carleton hotel.

She was the mother of Terry and Ronald of Forest Park; sister of Lee Albright, Curl Zurich, Joseph, Bud, and Henry Jacobs.

Services were conducted Apr. 28 in Drechsler-Brown funeral home by the Rev. R. W. Roth of St. Peters Lutheran church, with burial in Chapel Hill Gardens West.

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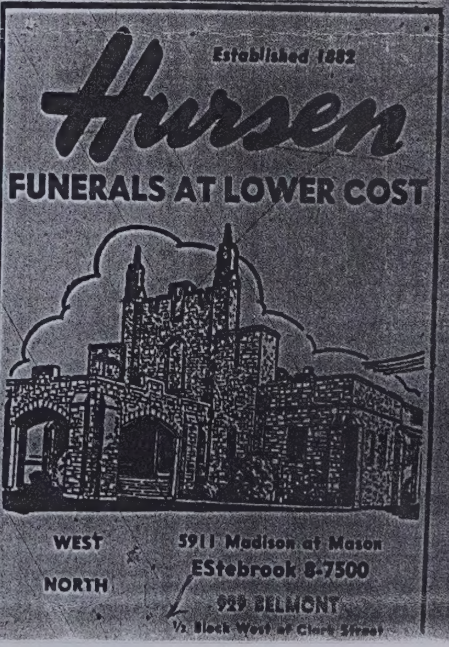
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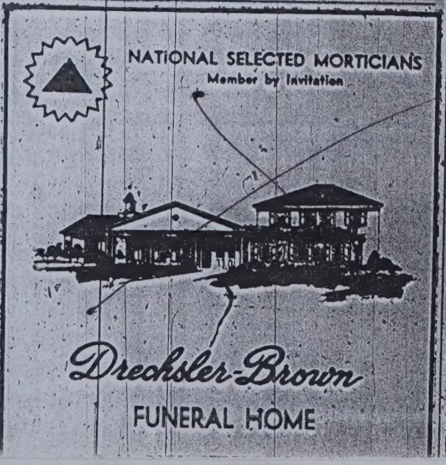
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OBITUARY (continued)

Smith, Albert Paul, manager clearing-house, d. Jan. 22, 1890, a. 50.
Smith, Lieut. Ephraim Kirby, U.S.A., died near City of Mexico, September 11, 1847, aged 41.
Smith, George Clinton (dit Chas. G.), tailor, d. Sept., 1888, a. 57¼.
Smith, John Bradner, paper, died March 6, 1893, aged 75.
Smith, Perry Henry, lawyer, died March 29, 1885, aged 57.
Smith, Solomon Albert, banker, died Nov. 25, 1879, aged 64.
Smith, William Burr, hardware, "Powhattan," died Nov. 28, 1894, aged 59-9-25.
Snell, Amos Jerome, capitalist, murdered Feb. 2, 1888, aged 64.
Soules, Rufus, died, Waukegan, Ill.,
Spalding, Joel Johnson, printer, killed on railroad at Evanston, Ill., March 7, 1889, aged 52.
Spencer, Albert Tuttle, lake-captain, died, Waukegan, Ill., Sept. 14, 1895, aged 74-4-5.
Spencer, Franklin Fayette, hardware, died Nov. 1, 1890, a. 73-19.
Spring, Dr., died November 10, 1835, aged __.
Sproat, Granville Temple, school-teacher, died, Mt. Lebanon, N.Y., February 6, 1887, aged 79.
Squires, Collins S., ass't-p.m., died October 10, 1888, aged 59.
Stager, Gen. Anson, died March 26, 1885, aged 60.
Starr, Dr. John F., died, Glencoe, Ill., March 12, 1873, aged __.
Steel, George, died March 22, 1865, aged 68.
Steele, Ashbel, died 1861, aged __.
Steele, Chas. Richards, banker, d., Waukegan, Ill., Nov. 11, '88, a. __.
Stein, Martin, died before September 21, 1850, aged __.
Stewart, Thomas Alexander, attorney, editor and prop. Chicago Tribune, died, LaPorte, Ind., September 15, 1868, aged __.
Stickney, Edward S., died March 20, 1880, aged __.
Stiles, Gen. Israel Newton, lawyer, died Jan. 17, 1895, aged 61-6-1.
Stimson, William E., died, Michigan City, Ind., December 23, 1850, aged 26.
Stone, John, the first man hung in Chicago for murder, near s.-w. cor. South Park ave. and 31st st., July 10, 1840, aged about 50.
Stone, Leander, editor, died April 3, 1888, aged 55.
Stone, Rev. Luther, died July 9, 1890, aged 74 3/4.
Stone, Dr. Samuel, died May 4, 1876, aged __.
Stoneham, John, died March 17, 1887, aged 73.
Storkey, George, died September 4, 1877, aged 74.
Storey, Wilber F., editor Chicago Times, d. Oct. 27, 1884, a. 64-10-8.
Storrs, Emery Alex., lawyer, d., Ottawa, Ill., Sept. 12, 1885, a. 50.
Strong, Gen. William Emerson, lawyer, lumberman, died, Firezze, Italy, April 10, 1891, aged 50-8.
Strother, Bolton F., lawyer, died June 17, 1862, aged __.
Stuart, Gen. David, died, Detroit, Mich., Sept. 11, 1868, aged 48-6.
Stuart, John Todd, died, Springfield, Ill., Nov. 28, 1885, aged 78.
Stuart, Robert, explorer, died Oct. 28, 1848, aged 63-8-9.
Sturges, Geo., banker, d., Geneva Lake, Wis., Aug. 12, 1890, a. 52¼.
Sturges, Solomon, banker, patriot, died Zanesville, O., October 14, 1864, aged 68-5-23.
Sturges, Wm., banker, d., Owego, N.Y., Nov. 12, 1894, a. 70-5-16.
Sundell, Chas. J., ag't Allan Line, died July 26, 1892, aged 70.
Sutherland, St. Clair, died December 8, 1892, aged 76-3.

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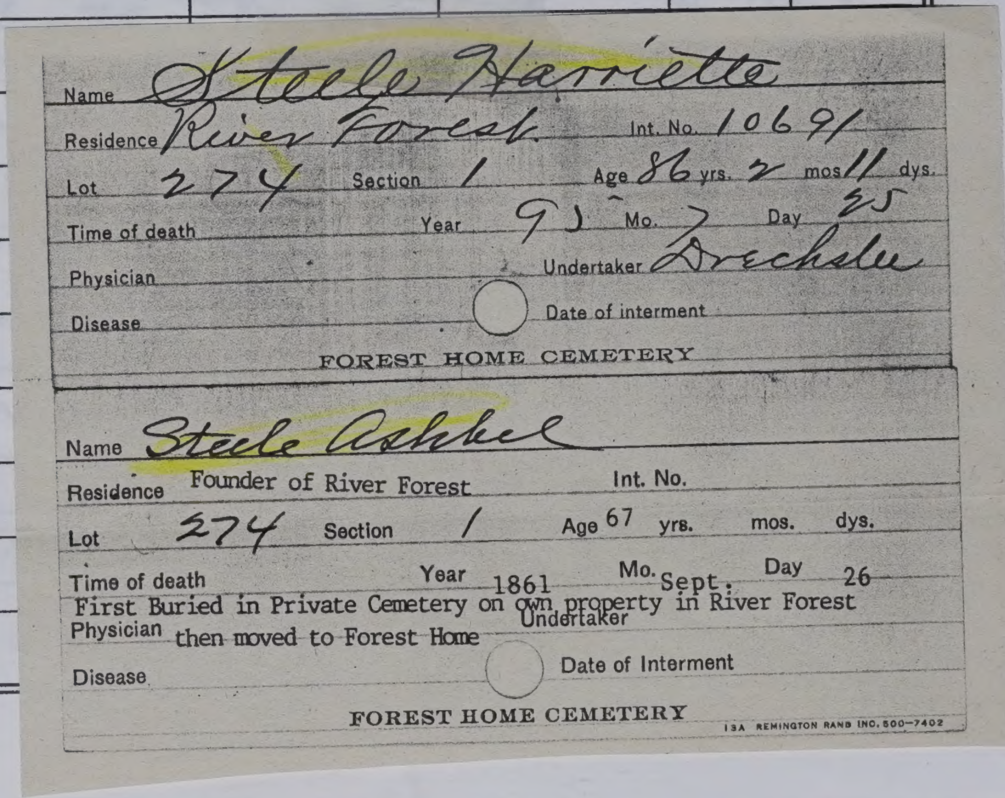
Genealogy

Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Date of Death	Date of Burial	Age	Lot	Section
STEELE, HARRIETTE	RIVER FOREST, IL.	7-25-1895	not stated	86	274	1
STEELE, ASHBEL	Founder Of River Forest	9-26-1861	Not Stated	67	274	1



Name Steele Harriette

Residence River Forest Int. No. 10691

Lot 274 Section 1 Age 86 yrs. 2 mos 11 dys.

Time of death Year 95 Mo. 7 Day 25

Physician Undertaker Drechsler

Disease Date of interment

FOREST HOME CEMETERY

Name Steele Ashbel

Residence Founder of River Forest Int. No.

Lot 274 Section 1 Age 67 yrs. mos. dys.

Time of death Year 1861 Mo. Sept. Day 26

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Physician then moved to Forest Home Undertaker

Disease Date of Interment

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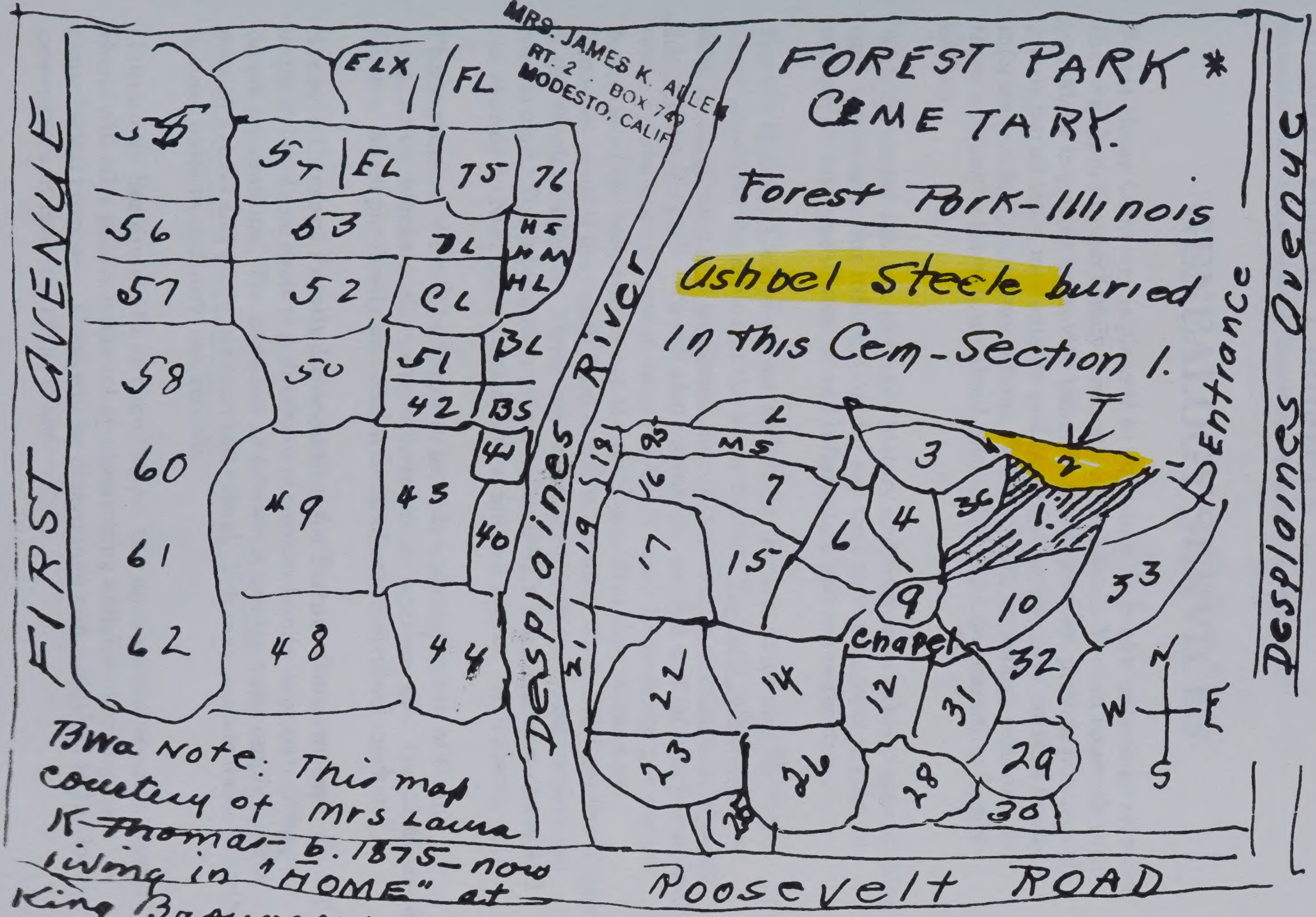
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Ashbel Steele buried in this Cem-Section 1.

BWa Note: This map courtesy of Mrs Laura ~~K Thomas~~ - b. 1875 - now living in "HOME" at - King Brouwart House - Hinsdale - Ill. Her husband bd. this cem. also

* another person called this Forest HOME

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GENEALOGY SERVICES

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With the recent interest in family history and because it takes a great deal of time to research this information, we ask that you make your inquiry in writing for the type of service and information you are requesting.

Family History Genealogies: $25.00 for the first name and $3.00 per name thereafter for others in the **same** family. The only information we have is the last place of residence, date of death, date of interment and the age at time of death. We will also provide the section and lot number of final resting place and indicate if there is a headstone. Records are not always complete as the cemetery is not always given all of the information. Cemetery records are taken from a county permit. We do NOT receive a copy of the death certificate. Those can be obtained from the county where the person died. The information stated is the ONLY information we have and our records do NOT show relationships, maiden names, birth places, etc.

Photographs: We will be happy to provide a photograph(s) of family monuments, markers, plots where there are no markers, etc. The costs are as follows: $5.00 per family monument or $5.00 per individual marker.

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Payment for Services: Please enclose your check for the full amount of the service(s) you are requesting made payable to Forest Home Cemetery along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you are requesting photographs of family monuments or markers and are not sure if there are any, please do not enclose a check for any amount until notified by the cemetery staff. If you know for sure that there is a family monument or that there are individual markers, then please enclose your check for the correct amount according to our service cost schedule.

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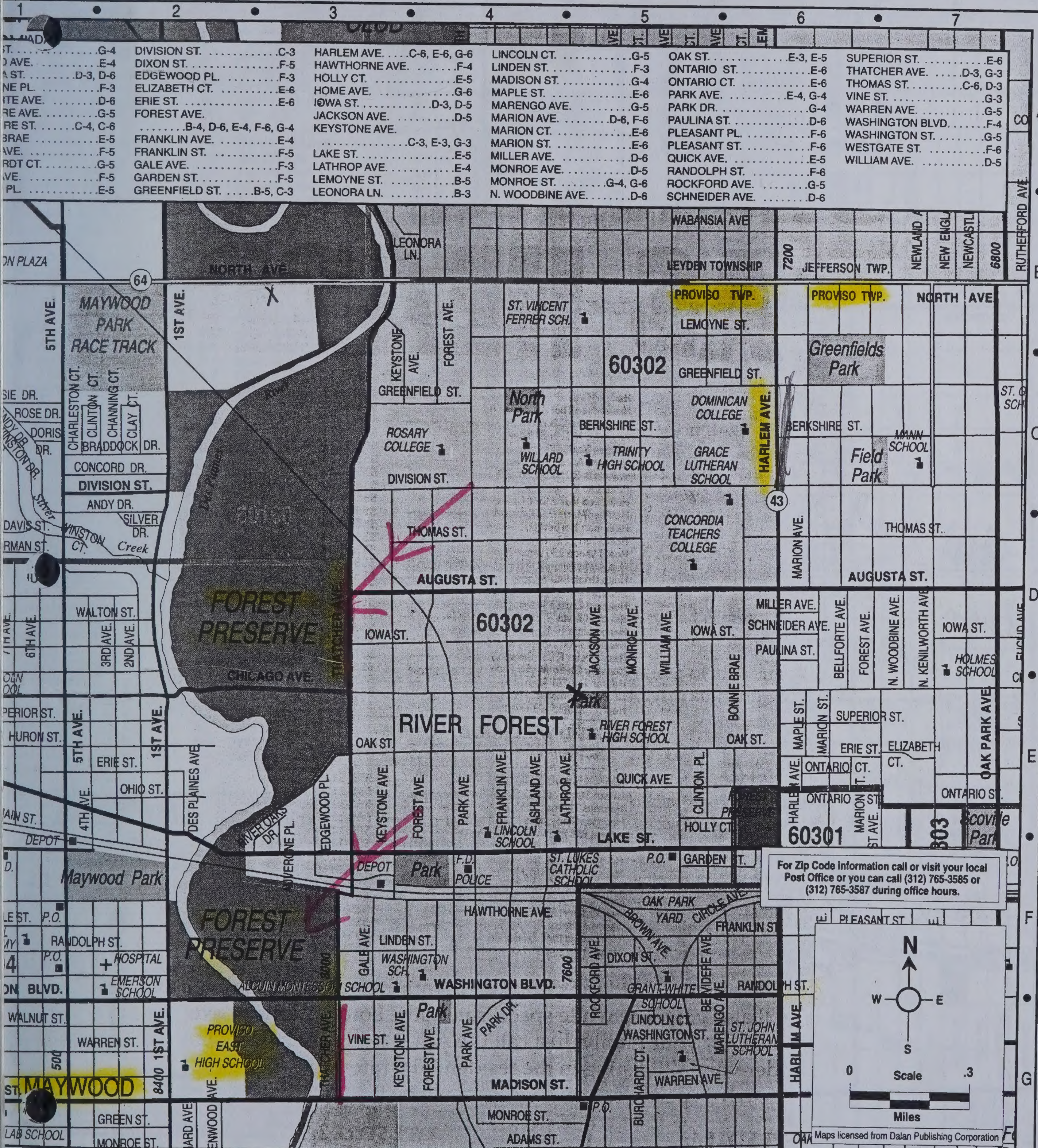
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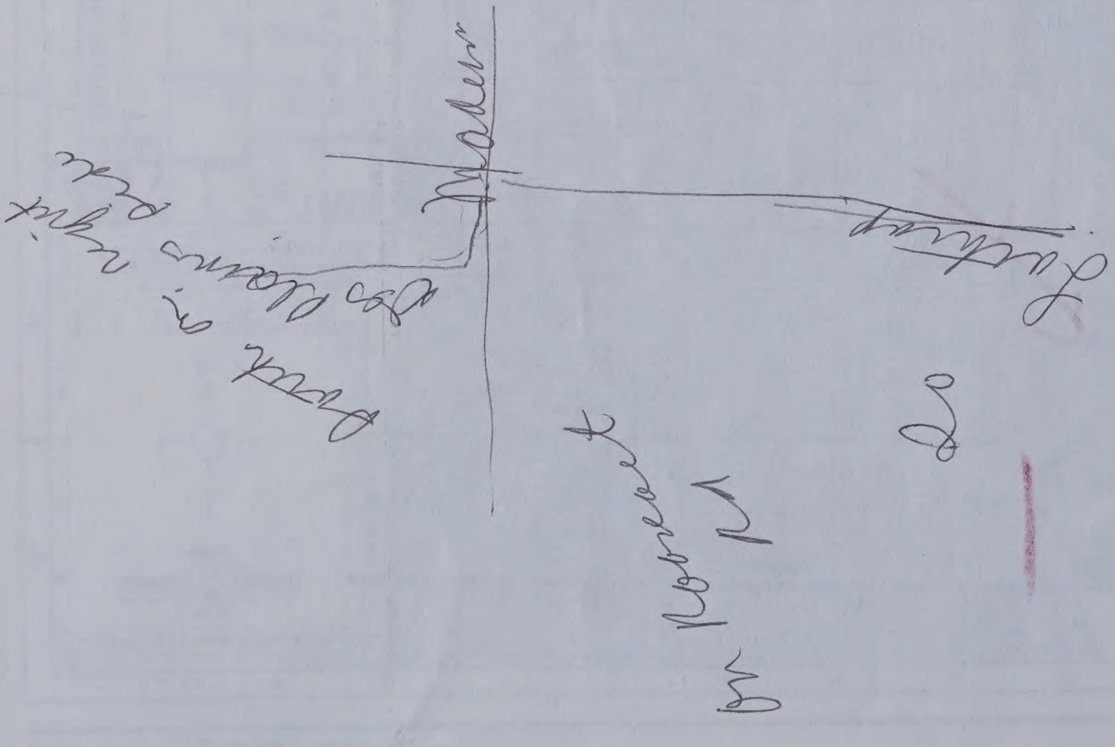
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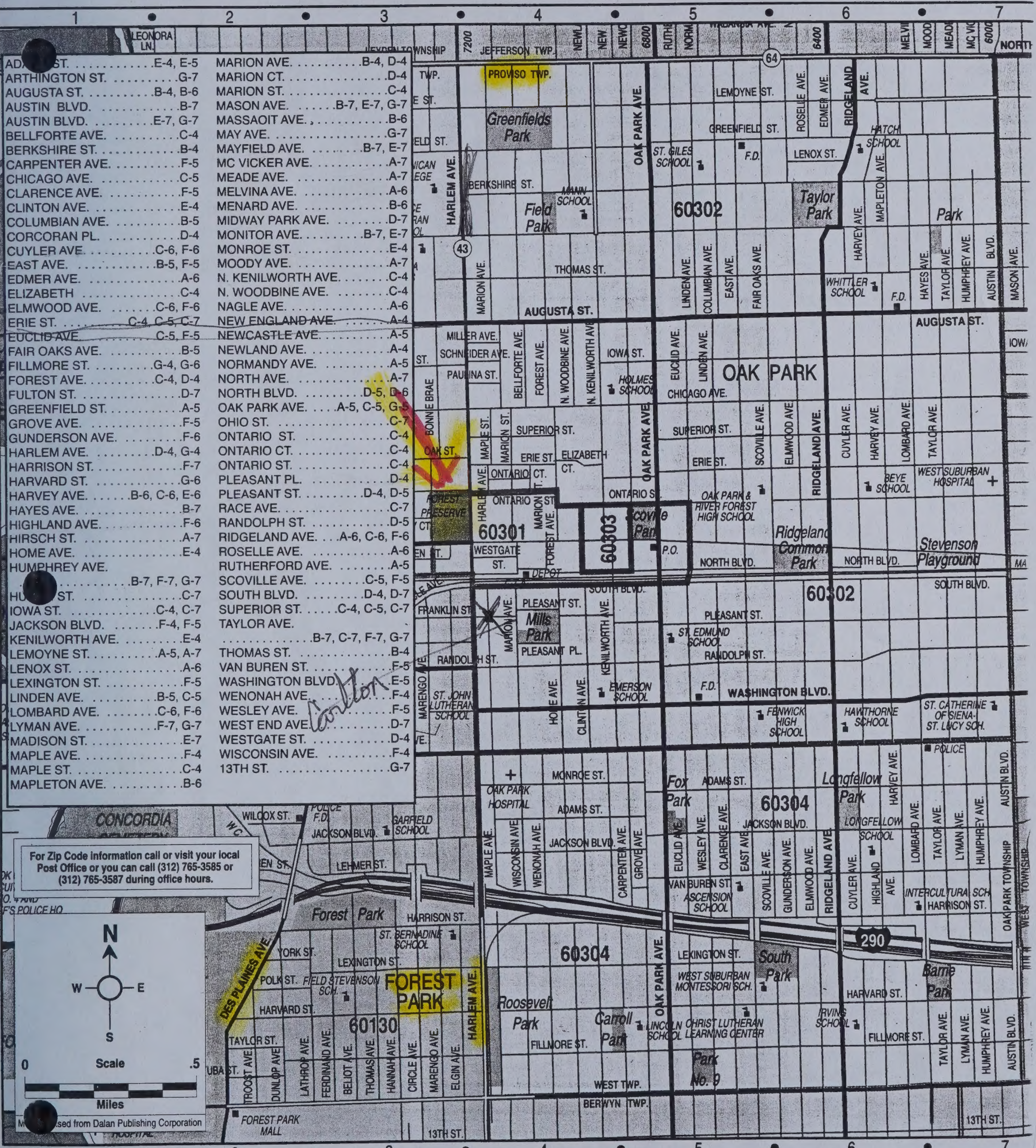
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F. Froberg Wooley
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Please excuse our handwritten note today; our computer is tied up with training on a new collections management software package.

We had a dedication ceremony on the 16th, to re-dedicate the new monument to Ashbel Steele. The old monument was broken and could not be repaired, so we raised over $4000.00 during the past 2 years to replace it with a similar obelisk. The enclosed pictures are ones I took at the ceremony. Our president said a few words and the minister (in the suit and tie) said a few words and had a prayer. We had almost 20 people in attendance (all are not shown in the pictures.) The small stones beside Ashbel's monument are Harriet, Eunice, Emma and George. The one to the left of the obelisk, I can't make out in the picture. A distant relative is coming in from California this Saturday + several people from our group will be taking him to the cemetery. I will ask them to find out the name. There are no direct relatives of Ashbel still living in this area that we know of. I hope you received our prior mailing. If you would like to make a small donation to our group, it would be appreciated. We do not receive any state or federal funding.

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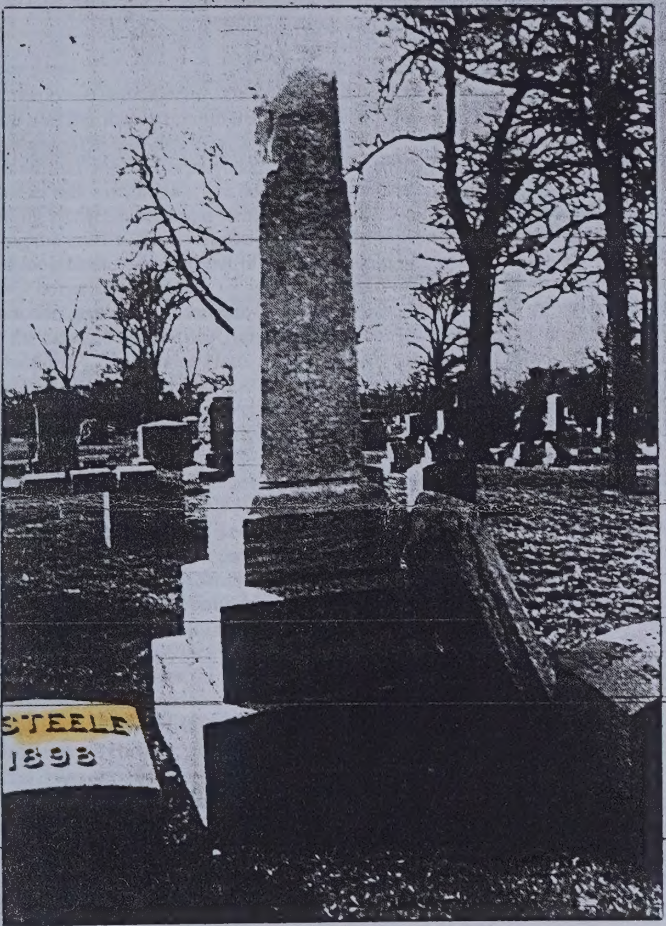

(Journal photo by Tom Johnson)

Grave concern

River Forest pioneer Steele's grave decays

Ashbelle Steele is to River Forest what Joseph Kettlestrings is to Oak Park. Both were founders of our respective villages, worthy of respect and veneration.

ARCHITECTURE
JEANETTE FIELDS

Unfortunately, the gravestone of pioneer Ashbelle Steele in Forest Home Cemetery is in deplorable condition. According to Faye Devine, president of the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest, the once-handsome obelisk has been decapitated, with the top three feet fallen off. Originally of Georgia limestone, the lofty monument once soared to seven feet.

"The dilapidated obelisk was discovered by Dr. Frank Orland, president of the Historical Society of Forest Park, who brought it to my attention," says Devine. "Our historical society is committed to the restoration of the gravesite of this illustrious founder."

Orland says that Steele is in very good company in Forest Home Cemetery. His monument is located in what Orland calls "the pioneer section," inhabited by the imposing monuments of Henry Austin, illustrious early settler; Joseph Kettlestrings, founder of Oak Park; and Ferdinand Haase, pioneer forefather of Forest Park."

"Austin, Kettlestrings and Haase all have towering obelisks, some 20 to 30 feet tall," says Orland. "Steele's monument had top-

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By ERIC LINDEN

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pled before and was cemented together. This time, the damage was more severe, with the shaft broken."

But both Orland and John Thorpe, Oak Park architect/preservationist, think it can be repaired by drilling a core, inserting a steel rod and mortaring the cracks. "If it were replaced, it would look brand new and out of character," says Thorpe.

Much of the knowledge about our forefathers comes from the detailed history of River Forest in "Reflections," by Harriet Hausman, written in 1975. Steele is credited as the first white permanent resident of River Forest; his predecessors were primarily itinerant laborers at the steam sawmill established on the east bank of the Des Plaines River by Bickerdike and Noble in 1831. Later, the thriving enterprise, the only sawmill within 20 miles of Chicago, was purchased by Steele and Theophilus Smith. Steele would also purchase a small, comfortable house south of the mill, originally used by Mr. and Mrs. Ephrium Collar who worked the mill with Kettlestrings.

Steele was an enterprising, industrious, devoted citizen during his 25 years in River Forest, and would serve as coroner, sheriff, builder, contractor, Realtor, entrepreneur, innkeeper and postmaster. In addition, he fathered nine children and assumed an active role in politics, business, education and social causes.

Steele, of English descent, was born in Derby, Connecticut in 1794. In 1825, he moved to Rochester, New York, and two years later married Harriet Dawley. The big trek west to Chicago, with the family piano, came in 1833; three years later they moved to River Forest. Steele rode from Rochester, New York to Chicago on horseback, sending his family and household effects by boat. They arrived in Chicago on the same day!

While in Chicago, he bought land and erected the first brick dwelling in the city. The Steele homestead in River Forest was comprised of 117½ acres, 40 acres of which were on the west side of the river. Always expeditious, Steele used his large new house, furnished with lovely mahogany furniture trekked from the East, also as a store. The house remained on the property until 1914.

In 1842, Lake Street became a major thoroughfare, the first planked road from Chicago to Elgin avenues, variously called Pennsylvania Turnpike, Old Chicago Road and Elgin Road. Previously, mud and ice had made the road impassable; with planking, stagecoaches could easily carry 10 passengers, nine inside plus a driver. Steele now moved his business from his home to Montezuma Hall, an impressive building with two wings that he erected on a former Indian meeting site at the southeast corner of Thatcher Avenue and Lake Street. Here he opened a tavern, post office, general store and stagecoach stop.

"The store and inn were tended by the older Steele children," writes Hausman. "Open cracker barrels tempted the transient guests, and bits of tallow candle sunk into little blocks were set out on the counter to light their way to bed.

"A unique provision of Steele's Inn, often referred to as Montezuma Hall, was that one might also have a bed for himself, instead of bedding down with any gentleman of the road. It was said that Ashbelle Steele and his family always made their guests comfortable. Rum, wine, gin and whiskey washed the dust off the rasped throats, and, at the opposite end of Steele's bar, a quill pen poised in a box of shot was a reminder to guests to write home. Mr. Steele acted as postmaster and handled the mail delivered by stagecoach, first at the store and later at a small new post office known as Noyesville, (River Forest's first name) in memory of the "old river house" across the river established by Mr. Noyes."

> *In 1842 Lake Street became a major thoroughfare, the first planked road from Chicago.*

In the 1860s, Steele sold the tavern wing of Montezuma's Hall. It was moved and converted to a dwelling on the site where later, the elegant Waller house would be erected. Playing several roles, Mr. Steele, as sheriff of Cook County, would remove law-breakers from his inn and take them to the Chicago Court House; he also doubled as coroner.

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The village's first schooling took place in 1841 in Steele's home where lessons were taught by their 14-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, who also taught her sisters and brother before the construction of the first school in 1850.

In 1851, Steele built the Harlem School, a small, elegant, Italianate structure still standing at Park Avenue and Lake Street, which serves as administrative offices for District 90. At the time, it was the largest brick school building between Chicago and Elgin, constructed of local Bellinger bricks and Bickerdike/Noble lumber. With its distinctive architecture, its own well water and individual room stoves for heat, it was the pride of the community. Also community-minded, his wife Harriet organized the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest, now located at Park and Oak avenues.

Steele died Sept. 26, 1861 at the age of 67; his wife on July 25, 1895. He was first buried in a private cemetery on his own land in River Forest, but was later removed to Forest Home Cemetery where his wife is also buried.

In 1851, Steele built Harlem School, which now serves as Dist. 90 headquarters.

"At this point, we're not certain if the monument can be restored," says Devine. "There's a difference of opinion and we're still checking it out. I would prefer a repair of the original; if we have to replace it, it will be as close to the first as possible."

The historical society is "steeling up" for its fund-raising campaign which will include letters to members and appeals to the village and township. Everyone agrees that Steele deserves our best efforts!

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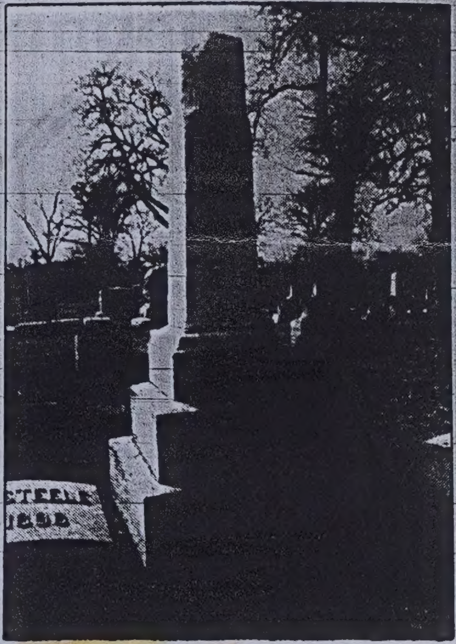
River Forest trustees turn cold shoulder to fixing founder's grave

By **KIMBERLY LENZ**

It's not that they aren't appreciative of his efforts, but River Forest trustees say they won't contribute to a fund intended to restore the village founder's grave marker.

That's because Ashbel Steele, who founded the village in 1836, is buried in Forest Home Cemetery in Forest Park, and that's where the toppled limestone obelisk bearing Steele's name is located.

Faye Devine, president of the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest, pitched the cost-sharing proposal Monday night to the village's current fathers and mothers. But her request for the village to pay $1,000 toward the $4,193 to replace the monument was not well received.



Ashbel Steele's grave

'Can't get excited' about request

"I can't get excited about building a monument in Forest Park," Trustee Julia Faust said, a sentiment echoed by other board members.

"Is there any chance to get the monument in River Forest and leave the body in Forest Park?" Trustee John Rigas asked.

Board members offered as a compromise their willingness to erect a monument to Steele somewhere in the village.

Devine told board members that Steele had first been buried in a private cemetery on his own land in River Forest, roughly where Keystone Park now stands. He was moved to Forest Home sometime afterward, and is buried with his family in what is known as Section 1 of the cemetery, where many of the area's pioneers—including Native Americans—are buried.

"Now, I am not a native River Forester, but this guy is your founder and his monument is lying on its side!" Devine told the board. "I think it's kind of disgraceful to have the monument of your founder on the ground."

Devine said the historical society was hoping to raise $1,000 each from the township and village governments, and to make up the rest through donations from the society's friends and family of Ashbel Steele, who have been located in California.

Steele was a man who wore many hats in the village as well as the county. He served as coroner and sheriff of Cook County in 1840, and was the local postmaster in 1849. In 1859, Steele built the village's famed landmark, Harlem School, at Lake Street and Park Avenue, where his 14-year-old daughter taught area children. Today, the building houses the administrative offices of the River Forest elementary school district.

In addition, Steele was an innkeeper and opened his home, Montezuma Hall, as the only stagecoach stop between Chicago and Elgin. It served also as a general store, tavern and post office.

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NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, HEALTH AND BETTER LIVING

Cash still sought for founder's grave

By **CAROL CHRISTIAN**
STAFF WRITER

Rebuffed by the River Forest Village Board, the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest will look elsewhere for money to replace the monument on the grave of Ashbel Steele, the first permanent white settler of what is now River Forest.

Village trustees had suggested Aug. 24 that the new monument be placed in River Forest where residents would be more likely to see it. But the Historical Society board voted Aug. 26 to stick with its plan to replace the fallen monument in Forest Home Cemetery in Forest Park.

"They turned us down so we'll have to raise the money elsewhere," said Faye Devine, president of the historical society and a River Forest resident. She added last Wednesday that the River Forest Township Board of Commissioners had also declined to contribute $1,000.

As of last week, donations of more than $400 had been received from area residents responding to a request mailed in mid-August, Devine said.

Steele, who was born in 1794 in England, moved his family in 1846 to a new home he had built west of what is now Thatcher, south of the present Chicago and North Western Railroad tracks. He died in 1861 and was buried on his property. When his wife died in 1895, his grave was moved to join hers in Forest Home cemetery in Forest Park.

Can't be repaired

The top of an original limestone obelisk marking Steele's grave was found on the ground more than a year ago, said Devine.

The historical society looked into repairing it by drilling a hole down the middle of both pieces and connecting them with an iron rod, Devine told the River Forest trustees Aug. 24.

The soft Georgia limestone is too crumbly to withstand drilling, however, so the historical society decided to replace the monument with a new one of gray granite. The lowest bid, submitted by Cunningham Monument Co. of Hillside, was $4,193 to remove the old monument and replace it with a 9-foot inscribed obelisk.

Trustees, however, were not enthused about spending money on a marker in Forest Park which River Forest residents would seldom if ever see.

"I would sure support building some sort of a memorial to this man in River Forest so that when we all eat hotdogs on Memorial Day (in Keystone Park) we could look at it," said Trustee Julia Faust.

Devine, a native of Atlanta, Ga., who grew up in North Carolina, gently chided the board for its lack of interest in honoring the town's founder.

A disgrace

"I was certainly hoping you would help a little bit, because I think it's kind of disgraceful to have that monument with half of it lying down on the ground."

Although a marker might be more visible in River Forest, the Forest Park cemetery on the 800 block of South Desplaines Avenue is an appropriate setting, Devine said.

"I have no objection if they want to put up a monument in River Forest, but I still think we shouldn't leave something like this over his grave," Devine said during a visit to

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> 'I'm not going to drop it just because they weren't in favor.'

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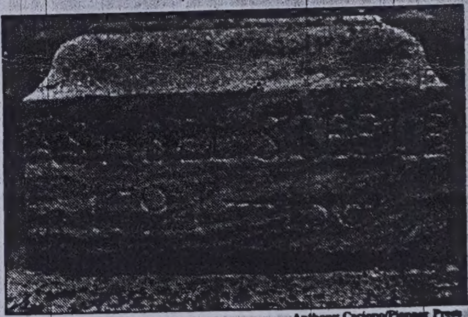
Faye Devine and Dr. Frank Orland examine the deteriorating grave marker of Ashbel Steele, first white man to settle in what has become River Forest. The Historical Society wants to replace the limestone marker.



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Blood drive is Sept. 24

The third blood drive of 1992, sponsored by The Community Blood Drive Task Force, will take place from 4 to 9 p.m. Sept. 24 at the West Central Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1154 Wisconsin Ave., Oak Park.

Those interested should call for an appointment to help minimize the time spent at the donating process by allowing the task force to spread the appointments into the usual fifteen-minute intervals. The number to call is 386-5126, ask for Tom, or leave a message.

Almost everyone who is over 17, in good health, and who weighs at least 110 pounds can help meet the continuous need for blood. There is no longer an upper age limit. Potential donors over the age of 65 years, who haven't donated within the past 3 years must provide written permission (issued within the past year) from their personal physician or be evaluated by a Life Source physician prior to donation.

LifeSource will be introducing a new theme shortly, which will be used in their posters, flyers and correspondence in the near future.

Everyone who does donate will receive the results of a free cholesterol screening a few weeks after the drive.

One other drive is planned for this year, on Dec. 10 at St. Edmund Church at 188 S. Oak Park Ave.

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the cemetery Aug. 26. "I'm not going to drop it just because they weren't in favor."

Devine invited the trustees to join her on Oct. 31 for a cemetery walk led by Dr. Frank Orland, president of the Forest Park Historical Society and an expert on the location of notable graves which could take days to find unescorted. The tour will assemble at 1:30 p.m. at the entrance of Forest Home Cemetery on Desplaines Avenue south of the Eisenhower Expressway.

Section One of the 270-acre graveyard contains a host of local dignitaries from the 1800s, including Steele's entire immediate family, Oak Park founder Joseph Kettlestrings and early settler Henry Austin, and Forest Park founder Ferdinand Haase. The parents of Ernest Hemingway are also buried a short distance from the Steele family plot.

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Pitch in

"We wouldn't mind if Oak Park pitched in," Devine said, hoping to stir that village's historical conscience.

Orland said Aug. 26 he had first noticed the fallen Steele monument about five years ago when he conducted one of his occasional cemetery tours. Cemetery representatives replaced it but did not anchor it permanently, and last year Orland alerted Devine that a piece had fallen again.

One of the board members of the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest is related by marriage to a distant Steele cousin and may have tracked down some family members in California, Devine said. They have been asked to contribute to the new memorial.

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Girl Scout dir

The Lone Tree Area Girl Scout Council's Board of Directors' annual "I Care" dinner/auction dinner will b place Friday at Villa Brunetti's in Franklin Park.

Sue Quinn, Oak Park is the Silent/Live Auction Committee Chair and sits o the Adbook Committee. Kri and Pat Schumann, River Forest obtained typesetting and printing donations, located a local artist to crea the special "I Care" logo ar received many auction and adbook donations. Peggy Sinko, Oak Park sits on th Awards Committee. Charlo McFall, Oak Park, sits on t Awards Committee. Dolore Michael, River Forest sits the Dinner Committee. To Michael, River Forest is th master of ceremonies. Jim Bohenstengal, owner of th Galarie St. James, Oak Pa is the auctioneer. Linda Lancaster, Oak Park sits o the Invitation Committee. Jackie Bange, anchor/repo for Channel 5 News is the

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Willing Workers Guild will meet at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 12, in the home of Mrs. Arthur Zantello.

Twentieth Century club will meet Thursday afternoon, Oct. 15, in the home of Mrs. Hugh King.

WSCS will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, in the Methodist church. Mrs. John Cermak will be in charge of the program.

Past Matrons club will meet with Mrs. M. L. Boster at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, when there will be revelation of secret pals.

★ Deaths

Emma L. Robinson Dies Friday Evening

Mrs. Emma L. Robinson died at the Ralph Crippin home at 8:05 p.m., Friday, Oct. 2. She had been a resident of Bangor for two years, coming here from Pullman.

She was born in Cook county, Illinois, March 29, 1863, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Brown. On Aug. 12, 1891, she was married to Daniel F. Robinson in Maywood, Ill.

Surviving are a son, Gordon D. Robinson of Pullman; a granddaughter, Mrs. Virginia Hennessey of Arlington Heights, Ill., and two great-grandchildren.

The body was taken from the McKane Funeral Home to the Forest Home Chapel in Forest Park, Ill., where funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Burial was in Forest Home cemetery.

Hold Graveside Services For George W. Marshall

Graveside services will be conducted here by the McKane Funeral Home for George W. Marshall at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in Arlington Hill cemetery.

His home was in Swartz Creek. He was born July 26, 1882, in Clayton.

Surviving are his wife, Grace; a son, Charles; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Shelton, all of Swartz Creek.

Pullman . . .

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Notice is Hereby Given, That I, Glenn W. [illegible], County Drain Commissioner of the County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, will on the Twelfth day of October A.D. [illegible], at the home of Oliver Morehead, W½ SE¼ Section 11, in the Township of Arlington in said County of Van Buren, at [illegible] o'clock in the forenoon of that day receive sealed bids until [illegible] o'clock in the forenoon of that day, when bids will be opened and publicly announced for the construction of a certain Drain known and designated as "DECKER Drain," located and established in the Township of Arlington in said County.

Said drain is divided into FIVE sections as follows, each section having the average depth and width as set forth: All stations are eight rods apart.

Section No. ONE beginning at station number 0 at the lower end of said drain and extending to station number 11, a distance of [illegible] rods and having an average depth of [illegible] feet and a width of bottom of [illegible] feet.

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number 0 of Branch No. 2 which is station number 83 plus 10 feet of the main Drain, and extending to station number 4, a distance of 32 rods and having an average depth of [illegible] feet and a width of bottom of 3 feet.

Section No. FIVE beginning at station number 4 of Branch No. 2 and extending to station 8 plus 72 feet, a distance of [illegible] feet and having an average width of bottom of 12 inch tile and an average depth of 3.0 feet.

In the construction of said drain the following quantities and character of tile or pipe will be required and contracts let for same.

24 feet of 24 inch culvert pipe, metal or concrete.

[illegible] feet of 12 inch bell and spigot sewer pipe, vitrified clay or concrete.

2 cement blocks 8x8x16 and cast iron or reinforced concrete cover for catch basin.

The construction of said drain will include the construction of the following culverts and bridges having the location and of the type and size stated for which contracts will be let. One farm culvert at station [illegible]. Highway culverts are to be left undisturbed. Fences are to be removed and rebuilt with materials at hand. Trees and brush cut from R.O.W. are to be hauled clear of spoil bank and left for disposal by owner. No brush or trees to be burned. Valued trees to be [illegible] where possible. Spoil dirt to be [illegible] to permit farming over same EXCEPT along State Highway M-43 where spoil dirt is to be dumped into trucks provided by Van Buren County Road Commission and hauled away for fill dirt.

Successful bidder shall secure his own working permit from State Highway Department and make his own arrangements with the Department to conform to their regulations.

Said job will be LET as ONE SECTION in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said Drain, in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the County of Van Buren to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in the sum then and there to be fixed

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8 October 1953 -- VAN BUREN Co

EMMA L. ROBINSON DIES FRIDAY EVENING

Mrs. Emma L. ROBINSON died at the Ralph Crippin home at 8:05 p.m. Friday, October 2. She had been a resident of Bangor for two years coming from Pullman.

She was born in Cook county, Illinois March 20, 1863, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah BROWN. On August 12 1891 she married Daniel F. ROBINSON of Maywood, Ill.

Surviving are a son, Gordon D. ROBINSON of Pullman; a granddaughter, Mrs. Virginia HENNESSEY of Arlington Heights, Ill. and two great grandchildren.

The body was taken from the McKane Funeral Home to the Forest Home Chapel in Forest Park, Ill. were the funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Burial was in the Forest Home Cemetery.

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Born to Mr and Mrs Thomas Bevis, Breedsville, a daughter at 8:50 p.m., Oct. 5, in South Haven hospital, weighing four pounds eight ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, 214 Van Buren St., South Haven, a son at 3:20 a.m., Oct. 4, in South Haven hospital, weighing seven pounds eight ounces.

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★ Club Calendar

The Dorcas circle will meet Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 13, in the home of Mrs Charles Emmert.

Willing Workers Guild will meet at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 12, in the home of Mrs. Arthur Zantello.

Twentieth Century club will meet Thursday afternoon, Oct 15, in the home of Mrs Hugh King.

WSCS will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, in the Methodist church. Mrs. John Cermak will be in charge of the program.

Past Matrons club will meet with Mrs M. L. Boster at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, when there will be revelation of secret pals.

★ Deaths

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Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Date of Death	Date of Burial	Age	b	Lot	Section
Emma Brown Robinson	(VAN BUREN) Bangar, Mich.	10-2-53	10-5-53	90	1863	275	1
David F. Robinson	Baltimore, MD	4-4-23	4-7-23	56	1867	274	1
Dorothy D. Robinson	Arlington Hts. IL.	12-17-75	12-19-75	81	1894	274	1
Gordon Robinson	Reserrection Hosp Chicago, IL.	10-29-59	10-31-59	67	1892	274	1

Name Robinson, Emma L. #28 Mon

Residence ______ Int. No. 84804

Lot 275 Section 1 Age 90 yrs. — mos. — dys.

Time of death ______ Year 1953 Mo. Oct Day 2nd

Physician Not given Undertaker McKane

Place of Death Bangar Michigan Date of Interment 10-5-5

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Name Robinson Daniel P.

Residence Baltimore Maryland Int. No. 49150

Lot all 274 Section 1 Age 56 yrs. — mos. — dys.

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Name Robinson, Gordon D. #29 Mon

Residence ______ Int. No. 89897

Lot all 274 Section 1 Age 67 yrs. — mos. — dys. —

Time of death ______ Year 1959 Mo. 10 Day 29

Physician ______ Undertaker Black Fun. Home

Place of Death Resurrection Hosp Chicago Ill Date of Interment 10-31-59

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Name ROBINSON, DOROTHY D.

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INSANE.

Early in the day Mary Fish was tried on a question of insanity, and a verdict was returned declaring her insane, and a pauper.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

PENITENTIARY CANDIDATES.

In the case of William Rene, a verdict of guilty was returned, and the time fixed at four years in the penitentiary.

J. A. Sautelle pleaded guilty to petit larceny, and was remanded for sentence.

John Ostermann was tried for burglary, found guilty, and given one year in the penitentiary.

George Brown was tried for burglary, and his term was fixed at one year in the penitentiary.

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

[Special Telegram.]

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 9.—The proceedings in the supreme court, central grand division, to-day were as follows:

1. (Rehearing) Keokuk Northern Line Packet Company vs. A. True; appeal from Adams. Petition for rehearing overruled.

3. (Rehearing) King et al. vs. King et al.; appeal from Champaign. Petition for rehearing granted.

4. (Rehearing) Kellogg vs. Wilson, impleaded, etc.; appeal from McLean. Petition for rehearing denied.

5. (Rehearing) Hickox et al. vs. Greenwood; appeal from Sangamon. Petition for rehearing allowed.

67. Chestnut vs. Pennell, who sues, etc.; appeal from Sangamon. Motion to dismiss appeal for want of jurisdiction sustained.

Court adjourned to 9:30 A. M. to-morrow.

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

[Special Telegram.]

LANSING, Mich. Jan. 9.—The following are the proceedings in the supreme court to-day: In the cases of People ex rel. Lyman Gray vs. Commissioners of Highways for Brockway, The People ex rel. Wm. F. Clark, Jr., et al. vs. Judge of the sixteenth Circuit, proceedings quashed.

ARGUED AND SUBMITTED.

Jno. Hammoures vs. Chauncey Lee et al.; appeal from Gratiot, in chancery.

Wm. H. Merrick, sheriff, vs. Peter Mayhew; error to Huron circuit.

Orville C. Morris, plaintiff in error, vs. Wm. McKay; error to Midland.

Cass. W. Richardson et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. Alpena Lumber Company; error to Alpena.

SUBMITTED ON BRIEFS.

Edward Molloy, plaintiff in error, vs. George Robinson; error to Alpena.

On call to-morrow: Nos. 28, 33, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 58, 60, 62, 64, 69, and 70.

INDIANA SUPREME COURT.

CASES DECIDED.

[Special Telegram.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 9.—The following cases were decided by the supreme court to-day:

Alvord et al. vs. Smith. Marion superior court. Affirmed; Biddle, J. A premium offered for the best trotting horse can-not be considered as a wager. In a wager it is known before the uncertain event takes place who is to win or lose; in a premium there is but one party until the purpose for which it has been offered is accomplished. A premium is a reward or recompense; a wager, a stake upon an uncertain event.

Frazer, executor of Jacob Bess, vs. Boss; Whitley county. Affirmed; Worden, J. Where parties are [illegible] failed to perform his part thereof without consideration, or upon a consideration that failed, and he is in his lifetime, or his estate upon his death, is liable for the value of the [illegible]. The party seeking the goods must bear his [illegible] upon the implied obligation to pay what they are reasonably worth. A charge that the execution and delivery of a note on a certain day is prima facie evidence that all prior accounts between the parties were settled at the time of giving it, when qualified by the explanation that the presumption may be overcome by other proof, is not erroneous. When a [illegible] note is proved to have become so long [illegible], it may be [illegible] in evidence. It is a question for the jury to determine whether the money due for the goods was [illegible] of payment, and an instruction that if the jury found for plaintiff on a paragraph alleging the above state of facts they should allow interest from the date of sale is, therefore, erroneous. The damages being excessive, the judgment is affirmed for the sum of $[illegible] if the [illegible] is not remitted the judgment is reversed.

Goodwin vs. Stevens; Fountain county. Reversed; Perkins, J.

Ross vs. Kluger; Marshall county. Dismissed by appellants.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

[Special Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Supreme court proceedings: 1[illegible]. Jane Quinn, administratrix, appellant, vs. United States. Argument continued.

11[illegible]. Charles P. [illegible], appellant, vs. [illegible] Wrecking and Transportation company. Appeal from the circuit court for the [illegible] district of [illegible]. [illegible] for appellees.

11[illegible]. [illegible] and [illegible] River Boom company, plaintiff in error, vs. Wm. [illegible]. In error to the United States circuit court for the district of Minnesota. Argument commenced.

Adjourned until to-morrow.

THE SILVER CONFERENCE.

An Elaborate Review of the Affair by Dana Horton, the Secretary of the American Commission—He Thinks the Conference Was Not Entirely a Failure.

[From the Cincinnati Commercial.]

Mr. S. Dana Horton, secretary of the American commission to the monetary conference held in Paris in 1878, recently returned from Europe, and was in the city yesterday. A reporter of The Commercial called upon him, and obtained his views as to the conference as follows:

Question. Do you consider the monetary conference of 1878 a failure?

Answer. To decide whether a given undertaking is a failure or not, it is necessary to ascertain what was expected of it. Indeed, the further inquiry might be made, what had people a right to expect? To those who expected free coinage of silver in European mints as an immediate result of the conference, the conference will [illegible] a failure. [illegible]

reference to this whole matter of probabilities, that talking of the future monetary policy of the civilized nations is a little like talking of the future of a game of chess. It is not enough merely to know the pieces and the moves, it is necessary to watch the varying fortunes of the game. The probabilities change from time to time.

Q. Are the probabilities in favor of their coming to our ratio of 16 to 1, or of making free coinage under their ratio of 15½ to 1?

A. This is a question of dollars and cents in its most familiar form. You speak of coming to our ratio of 16. What action does this imply on their part? It means either recoining the gold money of Europe with 3 per cent. less of gold in the new coins than in the old, or it means melting down the old silver coins and putting in their place coins that weigh 3 per cent. more. The fifth of a five-franc piece is the French unit of coinage, and France is said to contain to-day five or six hundred millions of her dollars of the fathers. There they are literally dollars of the fathers, because the portraits of the fathers are stamped on the coin; and the people keep up their remembrance of their own history by looking at their money. Would the French government be willing to replace the five-franc pieces at a heavy loss, or would they be willing to melt and recoin this great stock of gold? The sacrifice would be very great. Having already inaugurated a treaty of the Latin union binding her to coin no more five-franc pieces for six years, it is evident that France is not disposed at this juncture to make any great efforts toward free coinage of silver in any shape, and there could be no object in adopting the ratio of 16 unless she meant to coin silver freely. France being the country most favorable to bi-metallic coinage, and best able to undertake it, it is plain that the probabilities are weak enough for free coinage at 15½, and very much weaker at the ratio of 16.

Q. Was the presence of the American commission in Europe this year and the discussions that arose out of the conference of value in reassuring the financiers of the integrity of American people in insisting on the resumption of their old money standard?

A. To avoid misunderstanding let me call your attention to the limits under which the latter portion of your question represents facts. The conference itself was a proof that the American people were "desirous of resuming that old money standard." But what was that "standard?" It is necessary to give its definition, for the word "standard" has so many and such loose meanings that it is a nest of fallacies; one of those words of which you might say it requires to be cleaned every time it is used. Now the chief points about the old money standard here, the *status quo ante bellum*, was that it involved free coinage here of two metals, that were, both of them, debt-paying material in the rest of the world. It was this standard that was not restored, either directly by the silver bill or as a result of the conference called in pursuance of that bill. As for the impression produced by the American commission concerning the integrity of the government, I am aware of nothing that detracted from its established reputation.

THE SUGAR MEN.

David A. Wells Gets Into Trouble with Them—A Meeting of Refiners Where Some Unrefined Language Was Used—A Lively Discussion.

[*From the New York Sun, Jan. 7.*]

When Chickering hall was opened last evening for the meeting of those interested in the sugar question, police officers guarded the doors to keep out all who were not supposed to look as though they were in full sympathy with the objects of the projectors of the assemblage.

Peter Cooper introduced the chairman, Cyrus W. Field, who, in turn, introduced, as the first speaker, the Hon. Algernon S. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan spoke of defects in the customs laws. The system of classification of sugars by color grades and imposition of duties upon that basis, established fifteen or seventeen years ago, was, he said, one that facilitated and encouraged fraud upon the revenue.

Mr. C. W. [illegible] read a [illegible] list of names of vice-presidents and secretaries.

Mr. Tre[illegible] (private secretary of Mr. T. A. Havemeyer)—Is it with the knowledge and consent of the gentlemen [illegible] in that paper that they have been proposed for these offices?

Mr. Field—I have been informed that it is. [Applause, hisses. A voice: "I doubt it."]

Lawson N. Fuller addressed the meeting. He said that his firm had once bought a cargo of sugar in bond, estimating for themselves the duties on it, and, as appeared by subsequent inspection by the customs officers, overpaid $[illegible] on the lot of three hundred hogsheads. They had estimated their sugars at 2½ plus 25 per cent., which was honest, and the government appraisers put it at 1½ plus 25 per cent., which was not honest, but was in accordance with the valuation [illegible] in the refining business. If there was [illegible] difference on three hundred hogsheads, he would leave it to anybody to [illegible] what the government would lose at that rate of excessive valuation on three hundred thousand hogsheads per annum for [illegible]. [A voice: "Ask Havemeyer."] He [illegible], he said, in Gen. Curtis officially [illegible] fraudulent practices in the custom-house of [illegible], and although a republican, he would say that he believed the custom-house had been [illegible] to circumstances for the last ten years. [illegible] from the testimony given by Mr. Dutcher, Mr. Havemeyer, and others before the Wood committee, he said: "There should never be a cargo of sugars landed at a refiner's pier. All should be landed at public stores and inspected there. A man who has one-quarter of a cent per pound advantage of his rival in the refining business, in any way, will run him out of business. Mr. Havemeyer said before that committee that he did not believe the aggregate sums out of which the government had been defrauded on sugar duties amounted to $[illegible], but I would risk my life that the frauds amounted to $[illegible] a day. Out of forty-two sugar-houses existing in 18[illegible] only twenty-one are running to-day, and the old-fashioned [illegible], [illegible] by Mr. Havemeyer as a reason for [illegible] his works going to give the new [illegible], is [illegible] out of them. [Laughter, applause, and hisses.] They talk of the use of 'brains' in the conduct of the business as the reason why they have flourished when [illegible] those that never made an ounce of adulterated sugar have been forced out of the business. But they say they do their business in the honest, old-fashioned way, nevertheless. It is absurd to talk of Cuba competing with the United States in making refined sugars. They can no more make refined sugars in Cuba to compete with New York than you could [illegible] in hell to [illegible] in heaven."

By this time the hall was crowded down stairs, and the gallery was well filled. The applause and hisses were loud, and the [illegible], who constituted a large part of the audience in the body of the hall, began to feel [illegible]. When Mr. Fuller said, "I say, to my honorable [illegible], all [illegible]; but I don't want any man to boast of his 'capital and brains' [illegible] in adulterating the sugars and cheating the government, and [illegible] he does not do so," there was a storm of mingled hisses and applause, and several persons arose in different parts of the audience as if to speak. The speaker went on to discuss a uniform tariff on all sugars up to grade No. 16. Then he referred to the question of adulteration again, and said that the man who would adulterate sugar and milk, and thereby poison little children, should go to state

dressed a letter to the governor of the Dutch East Indies requesting the loan of one hundred and fifty thousand acres for ninety-nine years, between Humboldt bay and the harbor of Dory, in order to form a settlement.

GENERAL NOTES.

The electric light has been introduced into Dunedin, New Zealand.

Temperance societies have lately been formed at Hanover and Gottingen, with a view of reducing the consumption of beer to moderate proportions.

The Economites, a sort of Shaker sect in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, sold over $75,000 in silver coin some days ago, the accumulated savings of over thirteen years.

The San Francisco papers publish reports of heavy rains from all parts of California. The winds indicate a continuance of the wet weather, promising abundant crops next year.

The Japanese tea-plant seems to be fatigued, and requires a healthy and vigorous crossing with plants from India and China to prevent a deterioration that results from too close picking.

The number of condemnations for crimes in Prussia is steadily increasing. In 1873 there were 11,692 convictions; in 1874, 12,844; in 1875, 12,126; in 1876, 13,197, and in 1877, 14,549.

The Turkish government, by advice of Baker Pasha, is to erect a dozen forts between the Black sea and the Sea of Marmora, which will connect with a chain to Gallipoli, which is to be strongly fortified.

In accordance with the Berne convention, the importation of non-European vines is to be limited to certain ports, and the planting of them allowed only in districts already subject to the phylloxera.

It was announced in one of the Roman Catholic churches in New York on Sunday last that a $2 50 gold piece had been put on the plate at early morning mass, probably by mistake for a cent. The owner could have it by applying for it.

The Japan Gazette is of the opinion that China is powerless to resist the encroachments of Russia, by reason of poverty, internal dissensions, and the utter weakness of the central government. China, it says, is a "rickety and worn-out nation."

"American drinks" known at Paris: Blue Blazes, Fairy's Kiss, Flash of Lightning, Heap of Comfort, Boston Float, Dog's Nose, Rattlesnake, Arctic Region, Corpse Reviver, Colleen Bawn, Maiden's Blush, Morality Punch, Spelling Bee, and Prairie Oyster.

Typhoid fever is very prevalent among swine in England, and the malady has just been declared by an order in council to be a disease within the meaning of the contagious diseases act. It is commonly known among farmers as the soldiers' disease or the red disease.

Last year there were 142 violent deaths in Vermont, including 3 murders, 34 suicides, 20 accidental drownings, 13 deaths by the cars, 12 by falls, 9 by carriage accidents and 6 accidental shootings. Hanging was the favorite method of self-murder, and the youngest and oldest suicides were 14 and 91, respectively.

Diphtheria is raging at Vienna and in some districts of Hungary. In one town of 20,000 souls 2,136 cases and 927 deaths are reported.

At last accounts the cholera was raging at Kumamoto and Nagasaki, Japan. Some cases have been reported recently at Yokohama.

A list of California murderers for 1878, published by *The San Francisco Chronicle*, shows that at least nine-tenths of all the murders recorded were committed by foreigners—mostly natives of China, Ireland, and Italy.

G. M. Reed, late editor of the Otago *Daily Times*, New Zealand, has been appointed emigration commissioner for England, at a salary of $5,000 a year and expenses paid. New Zealand is anxious to promote immigration from Europe.

A violent shock of earthquake occurred on a recent Sunday at Caltagirone, Sicily. The congregation in the church was panic-stricken and rushed to the doors. Ten [illegible] were crushed to death and twenty persons were seriously injured.

There has been a sudden outbreak of small-pox in Deptford, England, and the authorities were puzzled at first how to account for it. An investigation was set on foot and it was finally discovered that all the mischief was attributable to a wake held by an Irish family over the body of a child which had died of that terrible disease.

An English footman named Foster, long in the service of the Duc de Nemours, having embraced the Roman Catholic faith a few months before his death, was baptized, immediately afterward receiving extreme unction. His funeral a few days ago was attended by the Duc de Nemours, the Princess Blanche, of Orleans, Prince and Princess Czartoryski, and the Comte and Comtesse d'Eu.

A young man at Woolwich, England, recently committed suicide on the day appointed for his marriage for no discoverable reason, except that his affianced had made a trifling objection to some furniture purchased for their sitting-room. The sensitive youth left a note, in which he said: "They will not change the things, and it the means of breaking my heart. My dear, only fancy how I have been waiting for the day for you to be mine, and now it cannot be. Do, my only and ever lo[illegible] for I do not know where I am. [illegible] in your ever-loving embrace. Yo[illegible] Ted."

Wilhelmshaven, on the North se[illegible] extensive German naval establish[illegible] capital docks are now being made [illegible] the war harbor, around which lie [illegible] depots. Coast defenses protect [illegible] helmshaven on the east and [illegible] works are connected by telegraph [illegible] station. Along the coast are [illegible] announcing the approach of host[illegible] may be blown up by torpedoes fr[illegible] the moment vessels are over them, [illegible] tion being indicated by means of [illegible] measuring distances.

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INSANE.

Early in the day Mary Fish was tried on a question of insanity, and a verdict was returned declaring her insane, and a pauper.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

PENITENTIARY CANDIDATES.

In the case of William Rene, a verdict of guilty was returned, and the time fixed at four years in the penitentiary.

J. A. Sautelle pleaded guilty to petit larceny, and was remanded for sentence.

John Coleman was tried for burglary, found guilty, and given one year in the penitentiary.

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

[Special Telegram.]

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 9.—The proceedings in the supreme court, central grand division, to-day were as follows:

1. (Rehearing) Keokuk Northern Line Packet Company vs. A. True; appeal from Adams. Petition for rehearing overruled.

3. (Rehearing) King et al. vs. King et al.; appeal from Champaign. Petition for rehearing granted.

4. (Rehearing) Kellogg vs. Wilson, impleaded, etc.; appeal from McLean. Petition for rehearing denied.

5. (Rehearing) Hickox et al. vs. Greenwood; appeal from Sangamon. Petition for rehearing allowed.

87. Chesnut vs. Pennell, who sues, etc.; appeal from Sangamon. Motion to dismiss appeal for want of jurisdiction sustained.

Court adjourned to 9:30 A. M. to-morrow.

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT.

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[Special Telegram.]

LANSING, Mich. Jan. 9.—The following are the proceedings in the supreme court to-day: In the cases of People ex rel. Lyman Gray vs. Commissioners of Highways for Brockway, The People ex rel. Wm. F. Clark, Jr., et al. vs. Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, proceedings quashed.

ARGUED AND SUBMITTED.

Jno. Hammond vs. Chauncey Lod et al.; appeal from Gratiot, in chancery.

Wm. H. Merrick, sheriff, vs. Peter Mayhew; error to Huron circuit.

Orville C. Morris, plaintiff in error, vs. Wm. McKay; error to Midland.

Chas. W. Richardson et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. Alpena Lumber Company; error to Alpena.

SUBMITTED ON BRIEFS.

Edward Rehler, plaintiff in error, vs. George Robinson; error to Alpena.

On call to-morrow: Nos. 28, 33, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 59, 60, 63, 64, 69, and 70.

INDIANA SUPREME COURT.

CASES DECIDED.

[Special Telegram.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 9.—The following cases were decided by the supreme court to-day:

Alvord et al. vs. Smith. Marion superior court. Affirmed; Biddle, J. A premium offered for the best trotting horse cannot be considered as a wager. In a wager it is known before the uncertain event takes place who is to win or lose; in a premium there is but one party until the purpose for which it has been offered is accomplished. A premium is a reward or recompense; a wager, a stake upon an uncertain event.

Frazer, executor of Jacob Bass, vs. Bass; Whitley county. Affirmed; Worden, J. When parties are ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] to persons [illegible] without consideration, or upon a consideration that failed, and he is in the lifetime, or his estate upon his death, is liable for the value of the goods. The party selling the goods must base his claim upon the implied obligation to pay what they are reasonably worth. A charge that the execution and delivery of a note on a certain day is prima facie evidence that all prior accounts between the parties were settled at the time of giving it, when qualified by the explanation that the presumption may be overcome by other proof, is not erroneous. When a reasonable time is proved to have become so long, it may be [illegible] in evidence. It is a question for the jury to determine whether the money due for the goods was withheld by unreasonable delay of payment, and an instruction that if the jury found for plaintiff on a paragraph alleging the above state of facts they should allow interest from the date of [illegible], therefore, erroneous. The damages being excessive, the judgment is affirmed for the sum of $1,[illegible]. If the plaintiff is not satisfied the judgment is reversed.

Goodwin vs. Stevens; Fountain county. Reversed; Perkins, J.

Ross vs. Klinger; Marshall county. Dismissed by appellants.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

[Special Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Supreme court proceedings: 125. Jane Quinn, administratrix, appellant, vs. United States. Argument continued.

[illegible] Charles P. [illegible], appellant, vs. [illegible] Wrecking and Transportation company. Appeal from the circuit court for the northern district of [illegible]. Dismissed for [illegible], no counsel appearing for appellant.

[illegible] Manufacturing and [illegible] company, plaintiff in error, vs. Wm. [illegible]. In error to the United States circuit court for the district of Minnesota. Argument commenced.

Adjourned until to-morrow.

THE SILVER CONFERENCE.

An Elaborate Review of the Affair by Dana Horton, the Secretary of the American Commission—He Thinks the Conference Was Not Entirely a Failure.

[From the Cincinnati Commercial.]

Mr. S. Dana Horton, secretary of the American commission to the monetary conference held in Paris in 1878, recently returned from Europe, and is in the city yesterday. A reporter of The Commercial called upon him, and obtained his views as to the conference as follows:

Question. Do you consider the monetary conference of 1878 a failure?

Answer. To decide whether a given undertaking is a failure or not, it is necessary to ascertain what was expected of it. Indeed, the further inquiry might be made, what had people a right to expect? To those who expected free coinage of silver in European mints on all sides as a result of the conference, the conference was assuredly such a failure. [illegible]

reference to this whole matter of probabilities, that talking of the future monetary policy of the civilized nations is a little like talking of the future of a game of chess. It is not enough merely to known the pieces and the moves, it is necessary to watch the varying fortunes of the game. The probabilities change from time to time.

Q. Are the probabilities in favor of their coming to our ratio of 16 to 1, or of making free coinage under their ratio of 15½ to 1?

A. This is a question of dollars and cents in its most familiar form. You speak of coming to our ratio of 16. What action does this imply on their part? It means either recoining the gold money of Europe with 3 per cent. less of gold in the new coins than in the old, or it means melting down the old silver coins and putting in their place coins that weigh 3 per cent. more. The fifth of a five-franc piece is the French unit of coinage, and France is said to contain to-day five or six hundred millions of her dollars of the fathers. There they are literally dollars of the fathers, because the portraits of the fathers are stamped on the coin; and the people keep up their remembrance of their own history by looking at their money. Would the French government be willing to replace the five-franc pieces at a heavy loss, or would they be willing to melt and recoin this great stock of gold? The sacrifice would be very great. Having already inaugurated a treaty of the Latin union binding her to coin no more five-franc pieces for six years, it is evident that France is not disposed at this juncture to make any great efforts toward free coinage of silver in any shape, and there could be no object in adopting the ratio of 16 unless she meant to coin silver freely. France being the country most favorable to bi-metallic coinage, and best able to undertake it, it is plain that the probabilities are weak enough for free coinage at 15½, and very much weaker at the ratio of 16.

Q. Was the presence of the American commission in Europe this year and the discussions that arose out of the conference of value in reassuring the financiers of the integrity of American people in insisting on the resumption of their old money standard?

A. To avoid misunderstanding let me call your attention to the limits under which the latter portion of your question represents facts. The conference itself was a proof that the American people were "desirous of resuming that old money standard." But what was that "standard?" It is necessary to give its definition, for the word "standard" has so many and such loose meanings that it is a nest of fallacies; one of those words of which you might say it requires to be cleaned every time it is used. Now the chief points about the old money standard here, the *status quo ante bellum*, was that it involved free coinage here of two metals, that were, both of them, debt-paying material in the rest of the world. It was this standard that was not restored, either directly by the silver bill or as a result of the conference called in pursuance of that bill. As for the impression produced by the American commission concerning the integrity of the government, I am aware of nothing that detracted from its established reputation.

THE SUGAR MEN.

David A. Wells Gets Into Trouble with Them—A Meeting of Refiners Where Some Unrefined Language Was Used—A Lively Discussion.

[*From the New York Sun, Jan. 7.*]

When Chickering hall was opened last evening for the meeting of those interested in the sugar question, police officers guarded the doors to keep out all who were not supposed to look as though they were in full sympathy with the objects of the projectors of the assemblage.

Peter Cooper introduced the chairman, Cyrus W. Field, who, in turn, introduced, as the first speaker, the Hon. Algernon S. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan spoke of defects in the customs laws. The system of classification of sugars by color grades and imposition of duties upon that basis, established fifteen or seventeen years ago, was, he said, one that facilitated and encouraged fraud upon the revenue.

Mr. C. W. [illegible] read a long list of names of vice-presidents and secretaries.

Mr. Tremer (private secretary of Mr. T. A. Havemeyer)—Is it with the knowledge and consent of the gentlemen mentioned in that paper that they have been proposed for those offices?

Mr. Field—I have been informed that it is. [Applause, hisses. A voice: "I doubt it."]

Lawson N. Fuller addressed the meeting. He said that his firm had once bought a cargo of sugar in bond, estimating for themselves the duties on it, and, as appeared by subsequent inspection by the customs officers, overpaid $2,[illegible] on the lot of three hundred hogsheads. They had estimated their sugars at 2½ plus 25 per cent., which was honest, and the government appraised them at 1½ plus 25 per cent., which was not honest, but was in accordance with the valuations [illegible] in the refining business. If there was [illegible] difference on three hundred hogsheads, he would leave it to anybody to figure what the government would lose at that rate of [illegible] on three hundred thousand hogsheads per annum for [illegible]. [A voice: "Ask Havemeyer."] He had [illegible], as said, to Gen. Curtis [illegible] fraudulent practices in the [illegible] of [illegible] a republican, he would say that he believed the custom-house had been rotten [illegible] for the last ten years. [illegible] from the testimony given by [illegible], Mr. Havemeyer, and others before the Wood committee, he said: "There should never be a cargo of sugars landed at a refiner's pier. All should be landed at public stores and inspected there. A man who has one-quarter of a cent per pound advantage of his rival in the refining business, in one year, will run him out of business. Mr. Havemeyer said before that committee that he did not believe the [illegible] out of which the government had been defrauded on sugar duties amounted to $[illegible], but I would risk my life that the frauds amounted to $[illegible] a day. Out of forty-two sugar-houses existing in 1875 only twenty-one are running to-day, and the 'old-fashioned' Cartilaginous, [illegible] by Mr. Havemeyer as a reason for [illegible] his works going to give his men employment, is [illegible] out of them. [Laughter, applause, and hisses.] They talk of the use of 'brains' in the conduct of the business as the reason why they have flourished when others [illegible] [illegible] made an ounce of [illegible] have been forced out of the business. But they say they do their business in the honest, old-fashioned way, nevertheless. It is absurd to talk of Cuba competing with the United States in making refined sugars. They can no more make refined sugars in Cuba to compete with New York than you could make a [illegible] in hell to relate in heaven."

By this time the hall was crowded down stairs, and the gallery was well filled. The speeches and hisses were loud, and the [illegible], who constituted a large part of the audience in the back of the hall, began to feel [illegible]. When Mr. Fuller said, "I say, to my [illegible], all [illegible]; but I don't want any man to boast of his 'capital and brains' [illegible] in [illegible] his sugars and cheating the government, for [illegible] he does not do so," there was a storm of [illegible] hisses and applause, and several [illegible] in different parts of the audience as if to [illegible]. The speaker went on to discuss a uniform [illegible] on all sugars up to grade No. 16. Then he referred to the question of adulteration again, and said that the man who would adulterate sugar and milk, and thereby poison little children, should go to state

dressed a letter to the governor of the Dutch East Indies requesting the loan of one hundred and fifty thousand acres for ninety-nine years, between Humboldt bay and the harbor of Dory, in order to form a settlement.

GENERAL NOTES.

The electric light has been introduced into Dunedin, New Zealand.

Temperance societies have lately been formed at Hanover and Gottingen, with a view of reducing the consumption of beer to moderate proportions.

The Economites, a sort of shaker sect in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, sold over $75,000 in silver coin some days ago, the accumulated savings of over thirteen years.

The San Francisco papers publish reports of heavy rains from all parts of California. The winds indicate a continuance of the wet weather, promising abundant crops next year.

The Japanese tea-plant seems to be fatigued, and requires a healthy and vigorous crossing with plants from India and China to prevent a deterioration that results from too close picking.

The number of condemnations for crimes in Prussia is steadily increasing. In 1873 there were 11,[illegible] convictions; in 1874, 12,844; in 1875, 12,126; in 1876, 13,187, and in 1877, 14,[illegible].

The Turkish government, by advice of Baker Pasha, is to erect a dozen forts between the Black sea and the Sea of Marmora, which will connect with a chain to Gallipoli, which is to be strongly fortified.

In accordance with the Berne convention, the importation of non-European vines is to be limited to certain ports, and the planting of them allowed only in districts already subject to the phylloxera.

It was announced in one of the Roman Catholic churches in New York on Sunday last that a $2.50 gold piece had been put on the plate at early morning mass, presumably by mistake for a cent. The owner could have it by applying for it.

The Japan Gazette is of the opinion that China is powerless to resist the encroachments of Russia, by reason of poverty, internal dissensions, and the utter weakness of the central government. China, it says, is a "rickety and worn-out nation."

"American drinks" known at Paris: Blue Blazes, Fairy's Kiss, Flash of Lightning, Heap of Comfort, Boston Float, Dog's Nose, Rattlesnake, Arctic Region, Corpse Reviver, Colleen Bawn, Maiden's Blush, Morality Punch, Spelling Bee, and Prairie Oyster.

Typhoid fever is very prevalent among swine in England, and the malady has just been declared by an order in council to be a disease within the meaning of the contagious diseases act. It is commonly known among farmers as the soldiers' disease or the red disease.

Last year there were 142 violent deaths in Vermont, including 8 murders, 34 suicides, 20 accidental drownings, 13 deaths by the cars, 12 by falls, 9 by carriage accidents and 6 accidental shootings. Hanging was the favorite method of self-murder, and the youngest and oldest suicides were 14 and 81, respectively.

Diphtheria is raging at Vienna and in some districts of Hungary. In one town of 20,000 souls 2,126 cases and 927 deaths are reported.

At last accounts the cholera was raging at Kumamoto and Nagasaki, Japan. Some cases have been reported recently at Yokohama.

A list of California murderers for 1878, published by *The San Francisco Chronicle*, shows that at least nine-tenths of all the murders recorded were committed by foreigners—mostly natives of China, Ireland, and Italy.

G. M. Reed, late editor of the Otago *Daily Times*, New Zealand, has been appointed emigration commissioner for England, at a salary of $5,000 a year and expenses paid. New Zealand is anxious to promote immigration from Europe.

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Dear Mrs. Wooley,

Thank you for your interest in the Illinois Regional Archives Depository System (IRAD).

Pursuant to your request of any information about ASHBEL STEELE and his family in Cook County in the mid 1800s, enclosed please find a photocopy of page 31 of the Vital Records from Chicago Newspapers, 1840-1842 published by the Chicago Genealogical Society (second printing, 1980) which gives death information for a child of Ashbel Steele's. His third daughter, Eunice Ann, died 28 October 1841, when age nine, which would put her birth in the year 1832, which is earlier than any of those children listed in your letter and suggests two other daughters born even earlier than 1832.

I did research the election poll lists and school reports for 1840 and 1841 (the actual documents) without success as to Ashbel Steele or any of his children. This research did lead to the construction of a Poll List for those voting in the six wards that then made up Chicago as of March 1840. Since the City of Chicago was not incorporated until 1837, this is a very early index indeed, including 1014 named men. Your request prompted this effort.

Compulsory registration of vital statistics (official records created and maintained by government agencies at local, state- or national levels) did not begin in Illinois until 1 January 1916. A large percentage of births, deaths, and marriages were registered in Cook County in earlier years, but any existing before 1871 were destroyed in the Chicago Fire of 1871 when the Cook County Court House was destroyed.

The Newberry Library has an excellent collection of old Chicago newspapers which may be of some use to you in your quest. Enclosed is a sheet of additional records sources. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
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1834/162 Election returns / trustees - Town of Chicago 11 August 1834

At an Election held at the House of Edward E. Haddock in the town of Chicago on the 11th day of August A.D. 1834. for the purpose of Electing five Trustees for said Town for the ensuing Year, pursuant to a Noticed published in the Chicago Democrat the following votes were given for five Trustees-to wit-

Voters Names Persons voted for

Voters Names	G. S. Hubbard	John H. Kinzie	Ebenr. Goodrich	John K. Boyer	John S. C. Hogan	Edw. W. Casey	John Wright	Erastus Bowen	Alexr. N. Fullerton	Hiram Pearsons	James Kinzie				
[illegible] Hubbard	1	1		1	1					1					
Sanford Johnston	1	1	1	1		1									1
Charles Taylor		1	1	1	1			1							
James Allen	1	1	1	1						1					
Erastus Bowen	1	1	1			1			1						
John Abrams	1	1	1			1		1							
Wm. H. Adams	1	1	1	1							1				
R. Barry	1	1	1			1	0								
Wm. B. Egan	1	1	1					1			1				
Robert Ogleby	1	1	1	1		1									
John Miller	1	1	1		1					1					
Hiram Pearsons	1	1	1		1						1				
Ashbell Steele			1		1	1				1	1				
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1835/164 Poll List - Town of Chicago - 1835

	Dole	Lloyd	Jackson	Kercheval	Hubbard	R A Kinzie	West	King	McClure	Wm Kimball	Davis	Williams	Sherman	Huguenin	J. Kinzie	Steele
24 Thos Reed	/	/	/					/		/		/	/	/	/	
25 F. Myers.	/	/	/					/		/		/	/	/	/	
26 James C. Spence	/		/	/	/	/	/		/		/					/
27 Ashbel Steele	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/							
28 Louis Kercheval	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/							
29 Frank Dill	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/							
30 J. H. Mulford	/	/	/	/	/	/	/		/	/						
31 E. H. Haddock	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/							
32 James Stewart		/	/					/		/	/	/	/	/	/	
33 Thevarn Cusick		/	/					/		/	/	/	/	/	/	
34 Isaac Haight		/	/					/	×	/	/	/	/	/	/	
35 H. Porter		/	/					/		/	/	/	/	/	/	
36 J. D. King		/	/					/		/	/	/	/	/	/	
37. John Knight		/	/					/		/	/	/	/	/	/	
38 Wm Smith	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/							
39 S. B. Cobb	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/							
40 E. A Rogers		/	/					/		/	/	/	/	/	/	
41 J. B. Campbell	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/							
42 W. S Kinnicott	/	/	/	/	/	/			/	/			/			
43 John Rice		/	/					/		/	/	/	/	/	/	
44 Calvin Douglas	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/							
45 James Pattlin	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/							
46 Peter Cohen	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/							
47 Col J. B. Beaubien	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/							/	
48 S. H. Spalding		/	/					/		/	/	/	/	/	/	
49 Wm H. Adams		/	/					/		/	/	/	/	/	/	
50 Morgan L Shapley	/	/	/				/	× /	/	/			/	/		

1839

Directory of the City of Chicago, 1839 (Continued)

Spence, James, canal contractor, 17 Clark street
Spencer, Thomas, carpenter, 135 Dearborn street
Sprague, Orlando, gunsmith, Lake street
Spring, Giles, attorney and counsellor at law, 107 Lake st
Staffen, Nicholas, laborer
Stanton, Charles T., auctioneer, Stanton & Black
Stanton, Daniel D., Giles Williams & Co.
Stanton & Black, auctioneers and comission, 85 Lake street
State Bank Branch, LaSalle st, near South Water st
Starkweather, Chas. R., assist.-postmaster, P. O., 37 Clark st
Stearns & Hallam, fancy dry goods merchants, 148 Lake st
Stearns, Marcus C., Stearns & Hallam
Steel, George, canal contractor
Steele, Ashbel, mason builder, 3d ward
Steele, J. W., City Refectory, 15 Dearborn st
Stephenson, Capt. Godfrey, capitalist, bds Lake House
Stevenson, Capt. Chas.
Stevens, George F., drayman, South Water st
Stevens, M. W., Graves & Stevens
Stevens, Samuel, clerk
Stevens, Wm. M., light-house keeper, River street
Stewart, Ephriam T., canal contractor
Stewart, Hart L., canal contractor
Stewart, Capt. John, steamer Michigan
Stewart, Royal, attorney at law, Lake street
Stocking, Rev. S. H., Methodist church, Washington cor. Clark
Stocking, Capt. schooner Jefferson, bds. Shakespeare
Stockwell, George, laborer, South Water street
Stone, Horatio O., groceries and provisions, South Water street
*Stone, John, wood-chopper
Storms, Abram, carpenter and builder, State street
Storkey, George, cattle dealer
Stose (Clemens) & White (____.), blacksmiths, Randolph nr Wells
Stow, Edward, portrait painter, Lake street
Stow, Henry M., iron merchant, 11 and 13 Clark street
Stow, William H., foundry, West Randolph street
Stowell, E. C., stage-coach ticket agent, 123 Lake street
St. Palais, Maurice de, Catholic priest, nr cor. Wells & Randolph
Strachan (A.) & Scott, (W.) bankers, etc., 189 Lake street
Strail, Isaac, hardware, etc., Osbourn & Strail
Strail, J. Milo, clerk, Osbourn & Strail
Stratton, Homer, blacksmith, Asahel Pierce
Strausel, Martin, boot and shoe maker, LaSalle street
Strode, James M., register land office, Saloon Building, Clark st
Stuart, Dr. J. Jay, Rush st, opposite the Lake House
Stuart, Wm., publisher and editor of Chicago Daily American, cor. So. Water and Clark sts

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*Executed for the murder of Mrs. Thompson, July 10, 1840, near the southwest cor. of 29th street and South Park ave. ½ mile west of the Lake.

October 22, Death of Billy CALDWELL

Died at the Council Bluffs on the 29th of September last, Sau-Ga-Nash, (Billy CALDWELL), principal chief of the United Nation of Ottawa, Pottawattamie and Chippewa Indians, in the 60th year of his age, he was well and favorably known to the old residents of Chicago, and the northern frontier of Illinois, as an old and efficient friend during the Sac and Fox troubles-1832.--Communicated.

October 22, Married

In this city on Thursday 21st inst., by the Rev. Mr. HARRINGTON, Mr. Charles E. PECK, to Miss Sarah M. RUSS, daughter of John RUSS, Esq. all of this city.

NOT OURS

October 23, Died

At the residence of his son in Sterling, Whiteside county, Ill. on the 14th inst. Mr. Aaron STEELE, aged 62 years. Mr. STEELE was a very worthy and respectable citizen of Windham, Green Co. New York. He left New York but a few weeks ago, in fine health and spirits, on a visit to his western friends, but was attacked on his journey by disease, which at first mild, had assumed an alarming appearance when he reached the residence of his son, and soon terminated his earthly career.--New York editors are requested to copy the above notice.

October 28, Died

In this city about 9 o'clock last evening, 27th inst., Eunice Ann STEELE, 3d daughter of Ashbel STEELE, Sheriff of Cook Co. Ills. aged 9 years.

October 29, Died

At Squaw Grove, on the 16th inst. of croup, Julia, daughter of E. W. and Mary WILLARD, aged nearly 4 years.

November 2, Melancholy Accident

We learn from the Cleveland Herald, that Richard HOLLAREN, a young sailor fell recently from the mast head of the brig S. B. Ruggles, upon the deck. Medical aid was immediately called, but life was extinct, his skull being horribly dashed to pieces. He fell about 40 feet.

November 2, Died

On Sunday morning the --- inst. at Mineral Point, Wisconsin Territory, Mrs. Huldah F. G. McDIARMID, after a short illness. She was confined on the morning of the 30th ultimo, and died on the Sunday morning following. She was a native of Maine; and known among the papers of that State by the name of "Outalessa." Mrs. McDIARMID was a member of the Congregational Church.--Galena Sentinel Oct. 16.

Ill.; James PRATT, Ill.; P. KELLOGG, Ohio; Miss A. DEVERAUX, Cleveland; H. M. WARING, Mass.; Jas. SHINKLE, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. G. TUTTLE, do; Miss E. GREENE, Dayton, O.; Lieut. W. H. TODLON, Mexico; E. WARE, Granville, Ill.; J. T. LESLE, Cincinnati; J. DEBOUR, Batavia, N. Y.; S. A. DAVIS, Mexico; Miss J. CRAGGS, Cosmoierite; Mrs. Ann E. SHERWOOD, N. Y.; Miss Emily L. HARBECK, Ohio; W. J. B. DARWIN, M.D., Md.; T. SANDERSON, Ill.; L. H. PARKER, do; B. C. STEVENSON, Ill.; A. McDONALD, do; R. ROBB, do; Mrs. D. ROBB, do.

1848

August 14, Drowned

A young man by the name of James WATTS recently drowned in the Vermillion River between Ottawa and Peru in attempting to ford that stream. [CWJ Aug. 21]

August 15, Drowned

A discharged soldier of the 4th Infantry named Nicholas SCHNIEDER, fell overboard from the steamer St. Paul, on her passage up, and was drowned. He enlisted at Chicago.--St. Louis Republican [CWJ Sept. 4]

August 15, A Card

Passengers on board the Canal Boat Charles Taylor, Capt. O. P. BEEBE, on her trip from Chicago to Peru, Aug. 9, 1848. Thos. CAMBPELL, N. Y.; Seth OSTRANDER, Ill.; Erastus CLARK; Isaac CLARK; R. A. NEWCOMB; A. S. NEWCOMB; Francis MULLEN; Elbridge PLATT; John MANWARING; Daniel WOOSTER; Hamilton WOOSTER; Mr. WOOSTER and lady; Miss M. WOOSTER; J. STARINGER; W. KEEGAN, John (Blurred); Jno. AGENDORF?; G. SEIDER, G. MELL; M. LAURANA; Joseph HANDWERE; Mr. CAMPBELL; Mr.PHILLIPS; J. OSTRAM; John QUIN, Mrs. QUIN; Charles QUIN.

August 22, 1848 A Card 1848

Passengers on board the steamer G. P. Griffith, Capt. A. T. KINGMAN, on her trip from Buffalo to Chicago. Mrs. M. MARSHALL, Wis,; Mrs. M. HEMMINGWAY, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. W. H. CHAMBERLAIN, Milwaukee; D. S. DEWY, Littlefort; Rich'd W. SHERMAN, Vermont; C. FOLLANSBE and lady, Chicago; Wm. OSBORN and lady, Chicago; S. J. SUYDAM and lady, Chicago; E. SAUNDERS, N. Y.; S. V. K. VAN ALEN, Albany; Hugh L. SMITH and lady, Milwaukee; Jas. J. LANGDON and lady, Chicago; John B. COLE, Sheboygan; Charles HAMMOND, N. Y.; Truman PARKER, Cleveland; A. J. HAWKINS, Eaton, O.; Lewis MURPHY, Cincinnati; A. W. CURTIS, Bethany, O.; W. T. HUBBELL, Eaton, O.; J. E. CURTIS, La.; J. H. LEFFINGWELL, Ravenna, O.; Lycurgus SHERMAN, LaPorte;E. WOOD and lady, Rochester, Wis.; L. Lamberton WARE, Mass.; John J. WAIRATH and lady, Chittenango, N. Y.; H. REGENT, Cayuga, N. Y.; C. H. LEFFINGWELL, Warren, O.; J. FULLER, N. Y.; C. J. TORRANCE, E. Avon, N. Y.; Richard TORRANCE, do; Wm. P. NASH, Racine, Wis.; Andrew ALLISON; L. L. KELLEY; Henry F. BLACK, Blossburg, Pa.; K. DELLENBECK, N. Y.; John A. E--ZWORTH and lady, Chicago; Silas WOODRUFF and lady, Southampton, N. Y.; Geo. WOOD and lady, N. Y.; Gilman H. MERRILL, Elgin, Ill.; Larkes REEVES; L. N. BARBER, Buffalo Grove, Ill.; T. A. CHAPIN; B. W. DORTON?, Cleveland; Wm. W. BACON & lady, Middletown, Conn.; → A. L. STEELE, Ill.; R. MacSHANE, Missouri.

August 22, Died

Last evening, Aug. 21, Anna, youngest daughter of H. L. and Hannah STEWART, aged 16 months. Funeral will be attended from the house, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock. [CWJ Aug. 28]

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CHICAGO, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.

BOOK AND FANCY JOB PRINTING.

J. CAMPBELL & CO.

No. 65 Lake Street,

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

HAVING received an extensive assortment of new BOOK AND JOB TYPE, from the Foundry of Geo. Bruce & Co. New York, they are now prepared to execute, all kinds of Book and Job Printing, in a very superior style—and at prices greatly reduced, from former rates. The public are assured that work can be executed at this office, as well and as cheap as at any establishment west of New York. Call and see.

MR. GEORGE DICKERSON, of Elgin, Kane co., is our travelling agent, and as such, authorized to receive subscriptions for the Gem of the Prairie.

WHAT IS MIND?

This is a question, which, in all ages, and among all civilized nations has puzzled the learned, and has put to naught the imaginings of the philosopher.

Like some ethereal thing of light, it seems to be so surrounded by its own brightness that it dazzles the keenest eye, and like an impregnable fortification, it resists all the efforts which have been made to enter its citadel.

Yet it holds this material frame within its grasp—it fires it with the heat of passion, or cools it with the shock of terror—its dread influence is exercised on the savage beast, and he quails before the eye of man—the maniac in his dungeon, who beats the iron bars in fiendish fury, and struggles with the immaterial foes that press upon him, child-like yields to superior intellect, and bows before that which he knows not of.

Philosophers, including the great names of Thales, of Xenophon, of Aristotle, of Descartes, and Leibnitz, have ventured upon the science of mind; and have formed theories, some of which have melted like dew before the morning sun; for they were, like that dew, but exhalations found[illegible] after, discoveries exploded. In later years, our German Transcendentalists, and our own Ralph Waldo Emerson, have ventured on the undiscovered region; starting with the swift wing of the eagle, they scorned the meaner flights of those who reason "a posteriori," and taking a wide range, they eave the world of common thought beind, and for themselves a brighter realm xplore.

But still amidst all this conjecture—midst this *a priori* reasoning, mind still ludes the vigilance of those who would ay open its bright stores. Even the welling of the majesty of earth, the lord f the creation is disputed. Some have eclared its seat to be the brain, some ngrily contend that it must be the heart, nd not a few concede the honor to the mach.

But all these are vain and futile guesses which have only served to amuse, hile the great and true principle seems till to be far from gained. Surely we re wonderful yet weak beings. We eem to ourselves to be endowed with ost amazing powers, that would take in universe of thoughts, while we do not now that unseen and silent, though not nfelt monitor within us. We thirst for nowledge, yet are never satisfied—it ould seem as if the soul, after compassng an ocean of truth, would "weep for ore to conquer;" and does not every piring thought within us spring towards e infinite, and one step after another of e ladder is gained, whose top is lost in eaven's eternal dome.

But, though we may not be able to ace those hidden springs of action—ough we may not be able to unravel the ysteries of our own existence—still we ould not falter on the road, but pressing ward to the goal, we should recollect at every step places us nearer the int, from whence we look back upon the ad we have traveled.

Perhaps, too, there may be some who ok across the misty valley that internes, and cast their eyes, beaming with [illegible], upon the sun-lit mountains, far away in the land of truth. To them we would say that a bright lot is theirs; and to them is committed a charge which should be carefully kept; and while they list to the music of the spheres, "the universal harp of nature, touched by the rays of the sun, whose song is the morning, the evening, and the seasons," they may gather more truth than transcendental philosophy can ever hope to; while at the same time they are giving a tone to their feelings, whose sweetness will be an antidote to those harsher thoughts that often invade the heart.

Mind, then, the universal all-pervading *mens*, may soon be known—its organism may yet be developed; and that through which the heavenly sparks career, shall yet be made familiar to our gaze.

Philosophers have wandered far enough from home, while they have been exploring the Arabic and the Greek, they have left the universal language of nature untouched—they have neglected the modest flower, and the instruction which it conveys—the sunbeam penetrating its opening bosom, and warming its inmost parts. What a beautiful illustration of the life and light of heaven, penetrating, illuminating and vivifying the mind of man.

Here is the school of instruction—this bright material world, whether decked with all the loveliness of spring and summer, or bound by the stern frost of winter. It is a book on whose open pages may be found that instruction which, though it lies deep, is not beyond the reach of man. Here is the theatre of the mind—the tablet on which every emotion of it is written, and from the modest lily and blushing rose, up to the oak of centuries, it is the great index and history of the mind of man.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"S. W. C." is inserted.

"B." We dare not trust ourselves, to make any alteration in his pretty lines.

"C." is inserted, come again.

"R. G. L." We offer our [illegible] humble apologies for the errors we committed, they were altogether unintentional, *Absolve Us!*

"A Contributor." We acknowledge, "the biters' bit." Come on, your good nature has won our esteem, if the lines have not our approbation. We should like to take you by the hand.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.—On Wednesday evening last, this well built and commodious church was thronged by our citizens, who were drawn thither to witness the ceremony of dedication.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Manly, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Rounseville, of St. Charles, and the Rev. ——

The Rev. Mr. Manly preached a very interesting sermon from John ii. xvii.—"The zeal of thy house hath eaten me up."

The building is an ornament to our city, and reflects great credit upon the builders. The interior is fitted up in a neat but plain style, and is very lofty, an advantage seldom secured in our city.

We rejoice to see buildings springing up in our city, dedicated to the service of God. No matter what the denomination, if the enlightenment of the people is the object. We heartily respond to the prayer of the reverend gentleman, "that it may prove a benefit to all who will partake of its privileges."

AMERICA TRIUMPHANT.—John Gilder, an American, was the winner in the foot race which came off recently on the Beacon course, L. I. He wins $600.

We understand a gentleman; believer in the Miller doctrine is at present lecturing in this city.

☞ The Messrs. Howards, the popular proprietors of Howard's Hotel N. Y. have disposed of their interest in that establishment, to Capt. Roe, late of the steamboat Empire.

☞ The U. S. Mail from Boston to New-York, brought, one day last week only two letters. So much for Expresses.

TREMENDOUS GALE ON LAKE ERIE.

Great loss of property and awful destruction of life!!

From the Commercial Advertiser.

Last night, (the 19th.) we experienced a gale more violent and destructive than ever before known. The weather yesterday was cold and uncomfortable, with occasional drizzling showers of rain.

About midnight the gale commenced and raged like a hurricane up to nearly four o'clock this morning, when its fury somewhat abated, but a heavy gale has continued to blow, up to the hour of going to press.

The damage to property is immense, and the destruction of life is awful.

STEAMBOATS, VESSELS AND CANAL BOATS ASHORE.

Steamboats.—The *Chatauque* is ashore on the beach at Sandytown. The little U. S. Steamer *Abert* is beached at the foot of Mechanic st. The *St. Louis*, which left port yesterday evening for the west, rode out the gale on the lake last night, and passed down the river to Black Rock this morning under her jib, no steam up.

We have since heard that she put into Black Rock, with broken shaft and upper cabin work much injured. Three men and two deck passengers were washed overboard during the height of the gale.

The *Julia Palmer*, which left last evening with a full load of passengers, probably three or four hundred, is in a very critical situation.

Thirteen horses have been thrown overboard, all of which except one safely reached the shore.—One bore a line stating that the boat was out of wood and asking assistance which will be rendered as soon as the wind and sea subside a little.

The *Bunker Hill* is on her side at the water's edge, above the foot of main street not much damaged. The *G. W. Dole*, is high and dry some fifty feet from water. The *Columbus* in like position with the *Dole* not much damaged.

The steamers *Wayne, Constellation* and *Perry* came in during the early part of the night. The latter in making a berth ran foul of the Great Western, and sustained considerable injury, carrying off the larboard wheelhouse and gunwales. The *Indian Queen* made port to-day safely.

VESSELS.—*Brig Queen Charlotte*, high and dry near the foot of Michigan st. Schr. *Henry Clay*, ditto. near Clark & Skinner's Canal.

The brig *Ashland* broke from her moorings at the light house pier and drifted ashore on the east side of the north pier, and the *Preble* in coming in ran foul of other vessels and is much injured in rigging &c. The schooner *Platina*, Capt. PIERSONS returned at noon to-day, in safety. The brig *Europe* and schooner *Lyon* returned in safety to port.

The steamboat *Fulton* we hear has gone ashore, a total wreck, at Sturgeon Point. Three men lost.

The Julia Palmer rode out the gale manfully, and finally put into Buffalo. Great praise is due her officers.

PIERS AND WHARVES.

The massive stone pier that protects the harbor is seriously injured for many rods in length. The whole extent of wharfage from the ship canal to the foot of Illinois street, is much damaged, and in many places totally destroyed. Of course a large amount of property, salt, &c. lying on the wharves, is lost.

The flood was heavily felt by the stave dealers. SHERMAN has 800,000 drifting over the flats. HARBECK has some 50,000 also drifted up toward the Hydraulic works.

The whole of the lower floors of the warehouses on the harbor have been submerged, and the property therein stored of course much injured.

BUILDINGS DESTROYED AND INJURED.

Roop's White Lead Factory, a new establishment in which some $20,000 had been invested, is utterly demolished nothing but a mass of ruins left. The extent of the loss cannot be ascertained until the rubbish is removed. KINGMAN'S three brick stores, foot of Court street not quite completed, were entirely destroyed.

Over thirty bodies were picked up in Buffalo the loss of property in warehouses &c. is immense.

The steam boat FAIRPORT was burnt to the water's edge on Saturday night, while lying at a wharf in the St. Clair river, about half a mile below Algonac. The fire, we understand, originated in the cook room, and was supposed to have been extinguished, but while the hands were at tea, the fire burst out from under the deck with renewed vigor and could not be over come.

The Fairport, during the season, had been engaged in towing vessels across the flats.

Weekly Gossip.

"You have done that you should be sorry for."

MR. EDITOR,—Since my last, there were several young ladies on *Clark street*, who displayed themselves to the public, in the former part of this week, very much after the manner of *romping school girls* when free from all restraint. My province seems to be to enlighten their parents in regard to their misdemeanors, and also to inform them that they are watched when they little think of it, and that their misdeeds will be posted up for them to reflect upon. They may perhaps hear from me again on this subject.

The *boys* who frequent places of *questionable character* are fit subjects for me to inflict a *bite* upon, and I would that I had a pen of fire to engrave their foul practices upon their brows. They would then be *known and shunned*. They have, however, the example of *older persons* in the matter, and they too should be made to feel that *respectability and morality* cannot be found in connection with these things.

Our church going population were sadly annoyed on Sunday evening last, while returning from their devotions, by some persons blocking up the side walk, and singing *negro songs*. If our worthy city fathers and police would not be so much inclined to "*take their time*" we should soon see the offenders

——"dressed as fine
As dandy from the Caroline,"

in the habiliments of "state prison birds," and it would forever put a bar between them and the stir of

SCORPION.

A VICTIM.—A young man who attended a Millerite meeting at Baltimore, was carried home under great excitement, and the next morning was a raving maniac. A young woman applied to Judge Boyce of the Baltimore City Court for redress against the neglect [illegible] her husband, who had turned Millerite and refused to support her. The Judge thought the subject would be brought before the grand jury. A female of this sect visited the Baltimore Prison with tracts and asked the felons wether they were ready "to go out," to which they all expressed their willingness, but the jailor would [illegible] mit them to be absent,

SAGACITY OF A BIRD.

Auguste Compans was yesterday sent to the Criminal Court for stealing a lady's parrot. The unconscious object of the thief's covetousness was brought into Court to be identified, but Recorder Genois remarking that the plumage could not be a sufficient means of recognition, since all the parrot tribe were so identical as regards externals, its mistress sent for a man who was in the habit of passing its cage daily, and of familiarly addressing it, the bird answering by a peculiar note, mewing like a cat. On this individual presenting himself and speaking, the parrot immediately detected the well known sound, fluttering about the cage and mewing most loudly, thus giving vent to an emotion as strange as it was interesting. The incident occasioned much merriment in and about the Court, and Polly was bound to appear before the jury and give evidence in this inarticulate way against the prisoner.

—[*New Orleans Republican.*

BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE.—Tutor.—Is there any account given in Scripture, Phelim, of a dumb baste spakin?

Lad.—Yes.

Tutor.—What dumb baste was it that spake?

Lad.—It was a whale.

Tutor.—Yes! To whom did the whale spake?

Lad.—To Moses in the bulrushes.

Tutor.—What did the whale say to Moses in the bulrushes?

Lad.—Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

Tutor.—Very well; what was Moses' reply?

Lad.—Thou art the man.—N. O. Pic.

MARRIED.

On the 17th inst., by Rev. W. F. WALKER, Mr. B. R. STURGES, of Chicago, to Miss ANN DAWLEY, of Rochester, N. Y.

On Thursday Oct. 10th. at Fruit Grove, by P. E. Tarodo Esq. CHARLES W. TOROMO of Du Page County, to Miss CHARLOTTE C. HOW, of Cook Co.

On Wednesday morning in St. James' Church, by the Rev. Mr. Kellogg Dr. WILLIAM BUTTERFIELD of Little Fort. to Miss SARAH BROWN, daughter of Henry Brown Esq. of this City.

In this City, by the Rev. F. Bascom, Mr. JAMES SMITH, to Miss HENRIETTA HOGAN.

At Penfield Kendall co. Oct. 1st., by Elder Lewis F. Bullock, Mr. ORSON D. RICHARDS, late of [illegible], N. Y., to Miss MERCY M. BULLOCK, of the former place.

DIED,

At Sterling, Whiteside co. Oct. 7th. Mrs. Mary HUBBARD, widow of the late M. HUBBARD, in her 50th year.

At Gap Grove, Lee co. Oct. 8th., Mrs. MARY [illegible], in her 57th year.

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on 17th - mar. of
B.R. STURGES
&
ANN DAWLEY

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CDJ - Chgo Daily Jnl

Gem of the Prairie 1844

October 26, Married

On the 17th inst., by Rev. W. F. Walker, Mr. B. R. Sturges of Chicago, to Miss Ann Dawley, of Rochester, N. Y. (W. C. Oct. 24; C. D. J. Oct 18 & C. W. J. Oct 21 reads- Yesterday, at Steele's on the O'Plain, and give name- Benj. R. Sturges)

On Thursday, Oct. 10th at Fruit Grove, by P. R. Torodo, Esq., Charles W. Torodo of DuPage County, to Miss Charlotte C. Howe, of Cook Co. (C. D. J. Oct 22, reads- Torode)

On Wednesday morning in St. James' Church, by the Rev. Mr. Kellogg, Dr. William Butterfield of Little Fort, to Miss Sarah Brown, daughter of Henry Brown, Esq., of this city. (C. D. J. Oct. 23)

In this City, by the Rev. F. Bascom, Mr. James Smith, to Miss Henrietta Hogan. (C. D. J. Oct. 24 and W. C. Oct. 31 give date- the 23d inst.

November 9, Married

On Thursday evening, by Rev. W. Rowlatt, John M. Stevens, Esq., to Rachel Pinching. Pinching times these!

November 16, Died

In Rome, Iowa Territory, on the 10th day of October, of dropsy on the brain, Edward Church, eldest son of Elias C. and Mary Hutchinson, aged 4 years and 7 months.

In Prophetstown, Ill., on the 20th of July, Alice, only child of A. J. and Lucy B. Mattson, aged eleven months and three days.

November 23, Married

On the 10th inst., in the Congregational Church at Bloomington, McLean Co., by the Rev. L. Spencer, Mr. Edward H. Coleman, of the above named place, and Miss Cordelia S. Conger, of Galesburg.

November 23, Died

In Byron, Ogle county, Ill., Oct. 18th, Miss Mary P., daughter of David and Nancy Fisk, aged 20 years and 8 months. Massachusetts papers please copy.

At Bang's Lake, Lake county, Ill., on the 6th inst., of a lingering disease, Deacon Mark Bangs, in the 73d year of his age, formerly of Stanford, Bennington county, Vermont. The deceased left a wife and eight children to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate husband and parent.

November 30,

We regret to learn the death of Arthur Bronson, Esq., of New York City. Mr. Bronson was an extensive landholder in this City and State, and during his visit in this City a few months since was taken severly ill. He has not long survived his journey home. He died of consumption, aged 44 years. (C. D. J. Nov. 26; C. W. J. Dec. 2)

November 30, Married

At Harkness Settlement, on the 13th inst., by the Rev. D. Chapman, Mr. Truman O. Jones and Miss Huldah J. Wilson, both of Peoria county.

At Belvidere, by Elder Walworth, Mr. Bainbridge N. Dean, formerly of Me., and Miss Lydia Smith, late from Michigan.

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The W[illegible] now labeled the Democrats aristocrats, and both sides bid for the vote of the common man.[52] But the latter countered with equally opprobrious epithets for their opponents, calling them " Nullifiers, Federalists, Anti Masons, Political apostates, Abolitionists, and Aristocrats in every shape," who were making " desperate efforts to take the election from the people and throw it into Congress." [53] Insincerity had consistently found refuge with the Whigs, the Democrats cried, and their avowed concern for the welfare of the people was but a rope of sand.[54] In considering the personal qualifications of the respective candidates for the presidency, astute politicians saw in the military and congressional record of Harrison ammunition similar to that which at times blasted their own hopes and with which they felt confident they could destroy unbelievers who, among other complaints, objected to Harrison's lack of education and his one-time advocacy of servitude for debtors.[55] With fiery zeal and in impassioned words, the editor of the *American* attempted to exonerate the Whig standard bearer and invited the electorate of Chicago to consider seriously whether to take "bluff Harry or sneaking Martin." [56]

The campaign was attended by an excited party activity which led one side to sting and bitterly attack the other. Following the state convention at Vandalia, April 27, 1835, Chicago and Cook County were thoroughly organized by the Democrats.[57] On December 7, 1835, another Democratic state convention was held at Vandalia to select Van Buren electors, and in this meeting the Chicago delegates played a prominent part.[58] The last drive for organization came a few days before the election when the Cook County Democratic Committee called a meeting on November 2, 1836 to make the final arrangements necessary for the election.[59]

Slightly more than a week before the election took place on October 29, 1836, the Whigs held a "Great Harrison Meeting" at the Presbyterian Church. Here in ringing tones resolutions endorsed Harrison as a real Westerner who had the interests of his section at heart.[60] A vigilance committee of nine members was chosen to attend the polls on election day, for charges of fraudulent voting were not unknown.[61] The hopes of the Whigs were high, hopes not entirely unwarranted in the Chicago election where Harrison won, but only by the small margin of six votes over Van Buren.[62] Even so the party had made progress, because only the August before the congressional vote had gone Democratic by five to one. The Harrison ticket was successful also in Cook County but by only five votes. However, Illinois went for Van Buren.[63]

Throughout the campaign the issue of public improvements weighed heavily on the minds of Chicagoans. Harrison was a Westerner; Van Buren, it was said, was opposed to internal improvements; and the promise of internal improvements was the magic touchstone for any candidate who desired Chicago's endorsement. In the election, Van Buren's showing probably was due to the thorough organization of his party in Chicago, Cook County, and in the state.

The Whigs did not long hold their lead, for in the city election of

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Johnson had several mulatto daughters whom he married to white men, and when his dealings with the Second Bank of the United States were made public it would be known " from whence he obtained the means of purchasing white husbands for his mulatto daughters." *Ibid.*, June 13, July 25, September 12, 19, 1835.

[52] The following from the *West Chester Register*, reprinted in the *American*, is an example: " Van Buren rides in a superb coach drawn by four elegant horses, costing $2400, while William H. Harrison has to go on horseback, or perhaps foot it, and yet the Van Buren papers talk about aristocracy! What consummate impudence." The *American* also accused " the magician's purse-proud supporters " of jeering at Harrison because he was poor. *Ibid.*, July 30, 1836.

[53] *Chicago Democrat*, November 2, 1836. Neither party would acknowledge the abolitionists as allies although they accused each other of accepting them as such. *Ibid.*, October 14, 1835, August 31, November 2, 1836; *Chicago American*, September 5, 1835, January 23, May 14, 1836.

[54] *Chicago Democrat*, October 19, 1836.

[55] *Ibid.*, September 28, November 2, 1836; *Chicago American*, October 15, 1836. To the accusation that Harrison was uneducated, the Whigs replied: " He left his books, at an early age, to battle with the enemies of his country." *Chicago American*, October 15, 1836.

[56] *Chicago American*, October 8, 1836. The Whigs also tried to strengthen Harrison's popular appeal by recalling that while in Congress he had been instrumental in the enactment of a law for the disposal of public land in small holdings. It was also said that since he believed in rotation in office he would not seek re-election. *Ibid.*, September 12, November 7, 1835, October 15, 29, 1836.

[57] *Chicago Democrat*, May 20, 1835.

[58] *Ibid.*, December 30, 1835. The Chicago delegates were Hiram Hugunin, Peter Pruyne, John Dean Caton, James Grant, and Ebenezer Peck.

[59] *Ibid.*, November 2, 1836. The election was held November 7, 1836.

[60] *Chicago American*, November 5, 1836.

[61] *Ibid.* The members were: Ashbel Steele, Charles McClure, John Holbrook, Tuthill King, S. C. George Spaulding, George W. Merrill, Benjamin Church, Star Foot, David Foot, Augustus Garrett, H. G. Loomis, and John L. Wilson. Cf. *ibid.*, August 6, 1836.

[62] *Ibid.*, November 12, 1836. The vote for Harrison was 354, for Van Buren, 348.

[63] Pease, *Illinois Election Returns*, p. 104.

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CHICAGO

SANITARY HISTORY.

Town and City Regulations.—When, in the summer of 1832, General Scott brought his troops from the East to engage in the Black Hawk War, he introduced the first epidemic to the people of Chicago; and a full account of this cholera season will be found in the matter devoted to the Indian scare. It was not until the next year that the town authorities, in pursuance of their delegated powers, made the first sanitary regulation. On November 7, 1833, the Board of Trustees passed an order imposing a penalty of $3 upon anybody who should throw refuse into the river. June 6, 1834, on account of the cholera scare, the Town Supervisor or Street Commissioner was ordered to remove many nuisances which then endangered the public health. In August ordinances were passed against throwing anything of an obstructive nature into the sewers. A vigilance committee was also appointed to see that the needed work was done. It consisted of Dr. W. B. Egan, Dr. J. C. Goodhue, A. Steele, Mark Beaubien, J. K. Palmer, South District; G. Kercheval, J. Miller, N. R. Norton, John Davis and Hiram Hugunin, North District; J. Kinzie, C. Taylor and J. Bates, West District. Drs. Clark and Kimberly were authorized, if necessary, to establish a cholera hospital outside the city limits.

In February, 1835, the corporate powers and limits of the town were changed, and among other privileges the Trustees were authorized to form a permanent Board of Health. A revival of the cholera excitement in the summer caused the formation of the board on June 19. It consisted of James Curtiss, B. S. Morris, E. Peck, B. King, A. N. Fullerton, John T. Temple, J. Jackson and H. Hugunin. They held their first meeting June 23. But the board seems to have died with its birth, and only one of its acts is distinctly stamped upon the history of these early days. To carry out their sanitary measures the board proposed to borrow $2,000, which caused such a panic in the ranks of the strict economists that the board subsided into hopeless inaction.

In January, 1837, before the incorporation of the city, the establishment of a permanent hospital was urged, but it was not until the public had again suffered with cholera and other epidemics that the project was favorably looked upon. Under the act of incorporation of March, 1837 (Section 57), the Common Council were to appoint three commissioners annually to constitute a Board of Health. The Mayor of the city or the presiding officer of the Council was to be president of the board, and the City Clerk its clerk. The charter also provided for the appointment, annually, of a health officer, whose duty it should be to visit persons sick of infectious diseases, and to board vessels suspected of harboring any pestilential or infectious disease. Accordingly, on May 9, 1837, Dr. J. W. Eldredge, A. N. Fullerton and D. Cox were elected members of the board, and Dr. D. Brainard appointed health officer.

From this time on the sanitary affairs of the city were in the hands of its Board of Health, the executive officers of which were either known as the city physician, the health officer, or the marshal. In 1838, when Dr. E. S. Kimberly was health officer, Chicago had first to battle with an epidemic in its municipal capacity, the "canal cholera" breaking out among the laborers of the Illinois & Michigan Canal. Dr. Charles V. Dyer was elected health officer at the beginning of the year 1839, but resigned his position in September, and was succeeded by Dr. Kimberly, who served until 1841. During this year Dr. John W. Eldredge was elected health officer, and in May an ordinance was passed requiring the attending physician to give a certificate upon the death of any person, thus establishing a basis for the gathering of vital statistics. The first regular mortuary record, however, was not published until 1851. In 1842, Dr. Egan was chosen city physician and Orson Smith health officer and city marshal. Mr. Smith served in that capacity until 1845. During this year Dr. Phillip Maxwell was chosen city physician and Phillip Dean city marshal and health officer. In 1846 Ambrose Burnham succeeded Mr. Dean, while in 1847 a separate choice was made for each office, viz.: J. F. Wait, health officer; Ambrose Burnham, City Marshal, and Dr. Henry S. Huber, physician. Dr. Levi D. Boone became city physician in 1849, and City Marshal Burnham also acted as health officer. A continuation of the roster is as follows: City physicians, Dr. Boone, 1850–51; Dr. A. B. Palmer, 1852; Dr. Brock McVickar, 1853–54; Dr. Isaac Lynn, 1855; Dr. McVickar, 1856; Dr. Gerhard Paoli, 1857. The health officers were Orson Smith, C. P. Bradley, W. B. H. Gray, W. W. Taylor, George P. Hansen, and Ambrose Burnham.

Cholera and Small-Pox Epidemics.—After the cholera epidemic of 1832, the next season which came upon the city was in 1838, when the laborers on the Illinois & Michigan Canal were attacked by a disease which balked all medical skill. It was called "canal cholera," and as fast as its victims succumbed their bodies were sent to Chicago and thrown on the roads near Bridgeport, as citizens were afraid to touch them. It was in 1843 that the city or small-pox hospital was constructed, located just above North Avenue, near the lake shore, on the grounds purchased for a cemetery. In March, 1845, the building burned to the ground. The fire originated from some ashes which were carelessly left too near the building. Its burning was particularly unfortunate at this time, as there were several small-pox cases, and patients were then being treated in the pest house. Mayor Garrett had even issued a proclamation for general vaccination. While another hospital was being erected on the same site, the patients were accommodated at the house of a Mr. Shaw, in the northeastern part of the city. The County Hospital was opened in old Tippecanoe Hall, on March 30, 1847. During 1846–47 the population of the city increased rapidly and a great amount of sickness prevailed. Most of the patients without means, were accommodated at the Alms House. The accommodations becoming quite insufficient, it was found necessary to have a large number of sick persons boarded and cared for at private houses in the city. This was necessarily attended with great expense, and, to avoid it, the public authorities suggested the renting of a building on the north side of

ship-carpenter, and builder of the first draw-bridge over the main river, at Dearborn Street, in March, 1834, came November 16, 1833 (he also built the first sloop, the "Clarissa," launched May 12, 1836); Anson H. and his brother, Charles Taylor, came in 1832; John Miller, brother of Samuel, the landlord, came in 1831, and run a tannery just north of Miller's tavern; Benjamin Hall, tanner, a partner of John Miller, who came in 1832; Martin D. Harmon; Willard Jones; Ashbel Steele, plastered Calhoun's printing office in November, 1833; S. B. Cobb, a minor, came June 1, 1833.

Many of these names are not on the list of voters for 1833, for the reason that they had not been in Chicago a sufficient time to gain the right under the law to vote. They are, nevertheless, entitled to a place in the list of actual residents of the new town of Chicago, as organized in 1833.

As appears from the above list there were besides, four churches, a newspaper, a private school, and a job printing office ministering to the higher wants of the community; and besides the taverns enumerated, a half dozen stores and a butcher, to minister to the physical necessities of the citizens. There was not at that time a single dram shop or what would in these later days be denominated a saloon, where the sale of spirituous liquors was the only ostensible business. That was carried on in connection with the stores and hotels, the tavern-keeper being by the terms of his license allowed to sell liquors to his guests, and not forbidden to sell to others.

The bridges were quite primitive, and consisted of a rude foot-bridge crossing the North Branch above the Wolf Tavern; and a log bridge across the South Branch, between Randolph and Lake streets, nearer Randolph. The latter is stated to have been build by Anson H. Taylor and his brother Charles, in 1832. Its total cost, as stated in Hurlbut's Antiquities, p. 556, was $486.20, of which sum the Pottawatomie Indians contributed $200. The bridge is frequently mentioned by the early comers of 1833. It was, prior to 1834, the only bridge across the river or its branches over which teams could pass. At a meeting of the Town Trustees December 4, 1833, both these bridges were reported as "needing repairs," as the historian says, "probably because, in contravention of the law, their bulk had been lessened, for the building of fires; the said bridges being nothing more nor less than piles of rough wood thrown into the channel."

The only manufactory established at that early day was the rude shed called a tannery, near the Miller tavern, where John Miller and Benjamin Hall were tanning a few hides into a rough but endurable leather. A saw-mill was in operation on the North Branch, below Clybourne's, at the mouth of a slough just south of Division Street.[*] At that time there was but one street running to the lake, described by Jedediah Wooley, who surveyed it April 25, 1832, as extending "from the east end of Water Street (at the west line of the Reservation) in the town of Chicago, to Lake Michigan. Direction of said road is south 88½° east; from the street to the lake eighteen chains and fifty links." The street was fifty feet wide, and was reported by the viewers as "a road of public utility, and a convenient passage from the town to the lake. It was only staked out and marked by the travel from the town to the fort. There was a rough bridge thrown across the slough at State Street to make the highway available.

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At this time, although the work of making a harbor had been begun by building the first section of the south pier, which shut off the current of the river through the old mouth, there was no harbor, only a roadstead, where craft might find fair anchorage and safe landing by boats or lighters in any but the most tempestuous weather.

The close of the year 1833 saw the town, above imperfectly described, fairly born and in its corporate swaddling clothes. Its past history or present condition did not warrant, at that time, the extravagant hopes that its citizens had in its future development. Its subsequent history has transcended the wildest prophesies of its early friends.

The Town, 1833 to 1837—The history of the town of Chicago covered a period of nearly four years—from August 10, 1833, to March 4, 1837. On the latter date the act incorporating the city was passed, and the election of the first city officers under the act was held on the first Tuesday of the May following. The annals of the town of Chicago for the period of its existence show a most wonderful growth in population, commerce and trade. During this era the tide of immigration set in vigorously to the lands of the Pottawatomies just acquired. Its principal route to the region, by land, lay through Chicago, which became the portal to the coveted territory, and through which, with increasing volume, it flowed, until suddenly checked by the general financial collapse of 1837. This disaster for a time retarded all business, checked immigration and brought the town itself to such a sudden stop in its headlong career of prosperity as to seriously dampen the ardor, and still more seriously deplete the pockets, of its enterprising and over-sanguine citizens. As the entrepot of this vast westward moving and endless caravan, Chicago could but increase its own population from the ever-changing throng of sojourners. This was the era of the wildest speculations in land ever known in the country, and Chicago became the western center of the craze which began in 1835, developed in 1836, culminated in the early part of 1837, and finally burst into thin air in the fall of the latter year.

The sale, by public auction, of the school section (16) occurred October 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, 1833, was made under R. J. Hamilton, commissioner, and by John Bates, auctioneer, and realized prices quite beyond expectations. The section embraced the square mile between State and Halsted streets on the east and west, and Madison and Twelfth on the north and south. It was divided into one hundred and forty-four blocks, the area of each being not far from four acres, not including the streets. All but four of the lots were sold, and brought in the aggregate the sum of $38,865, or an average of $6.72 per acre. The land was sold mostly on credit of one, two and three years at ten per cent interest. No such favorable chance for purchasers of limited means to become possessed of land near the village occurred again until after the financial revulsion of 1837. These blocks, afterward cut up into lots, together with the canal lots in Section 9, were the original lots on which the trading and speculation was begun, which, as the mania increased, was supplemented by various "additions" to the town, which were platted on paper, and the lots thrown into market.[*]

The Great Land Craze.—Early in the spring of 1834 emigration from all parts of the East, even to the hitherto extreme western settlements, set for the lands just open to occupation by the treaty made at Chicago the previous September. By the middle of April, the van had arrived in Chicago, and by the middle of May there was no room for the constant crowd of incomers,

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[*] John Bates says there was no mill there.

[*] An advertisement by the Collector of lots to be sold for delinquent taxes October 1, 1836, mentions the original town (Section 9) Section 16, Wolcott's addition, North Branch addition, and Wabansia addition.

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1834, to February, 1838 (resigned); Alfred Churchill, February, 1836, to August, 1836; Stephen M. Salisbury, February, 1836, to August, 1844; Nathan Allen, Jr., August, 1836, to August, 1839; Truman G. Wright, February, 1838, to August, 1838; Nathan H. Bolles, August, 1838, to August, 1840; John McCord, August, 1839, to August, 1845; Francis C. Sherman, August, 1840, to February, 1845 (resigned); Homer Willmarth, August, 1844, to November, 1849; Charles L. P. Hogan, 1845, to August, 1846; James Michie, August, 1845, to August, 1848; George O'Bryan, August, 1846, to August, 1849 (died); Charles Sauter, August, 1848, to November, 1849.

Under township organization the chairmen of the Supervisors were: Stephen M. Salisbury, Wheeling, elected in April, 1850; Nathan H. Bolles, Chicago, November, 1850; Francis C. Sherman, April, 1851; Joseph Filkins, Wheeling, June, 1853; Henry Fuller, Chicago, May, 1854; Henry Willmarth, Barrington, June, 1855; Theodore Doty, Chicago, June, 1856; William James, Barrington, June, 1857; Homer Wilmarth, Barrington, June, 1858; Andrew H. Dolton, Thornton, December, 1859; Amos G. Throop, Chicago, December, 1860; David S. Hammond, Hanover, December, 1861; Aaron Gibbs, Chicago, December, 1862; Jesse M. Allen, Elk Grove, December, 1863; A. B. Johnson, Chicago, December, 1864; David S. Hammond, Hanover, December, 1865 to December, 1867; Charles B. Farwell, Chicago, December, 1867; David S. Hammond, December, 1868; J. T. Bluthardt, December, 1869; George W. Waite, Hyde Park, December, 1870; Julius White, December, 1871.

Under the new order of things the first chairman of the County Board of Commissioners was Henry B. Miller, elected in December, 1872. His successors have been S. Ashton, William R. Burdick, A. B. Johnson, C. C. P. Holden, Henry P. Senne, John W. Stewart, D. B. Purington, David W. Clark and Adam Ochs.

COUNTY CLERKS.—Under the old constitution and until November, 1849, county affairs were administered by a board of three commissioners, elected by the people. The commissioners appointed their clerk until 1837. Up to that time the appointees had been: Wm. See, from March to December, 1831, when he resigned; Richard J. Hamilton, from December, 1831, until August, 1837. After this date the clerks were elected by the people for a term of four years. George Davis served until August, 1849; Edmund S. Kimberly, until November, 1853; Charles B. Farwell, until November, 1861; Laurin P. Hilliard, until November, 1865; Edward S. Solomon, until November, 1869. From that time until the first regular election occurred under the constitution of 1870 (?) the office was held by John G. Gindele, George W. Wheeler and Joseph Pollak. Hermann Lieb was elected in November, 1873, serving his full term of four years. His successors were E. F. C. Klokke and M. W. Ryan. E. P. Niles, John Comiskey and E. A. Filkins have acted as clerks of the Board of Commissions for the past ten years, Mr. Comiskey having served half of that period.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS.—Until 1841 the school commissioners were elected by the County Board, thereafter they were elected by the people for terms for two or four years. George P. Plant was the first County Superintendent chosen under the Constitution of 1870, for a term of four years. Since the organization of the County the commissioners and superintendents have been: Richard J. Hamilton, from December, 1831 to August, 1841; William L. Church, 1841-'43; George Manierre, 1844-'51; John W. Waughop, November, 1851-'55; William L. Greenleaf, November, 1855-'59; John F. Eberhardt, November, 1859-'69; A. G. Lane, November, 1869-'73; George G. Plant, November, 1873-'77; A. G. Lane, November, 1877 to date.

CORONERS.—The following have held the office of coroner, the dates given being the commencement of their term of service: 1831, April, John K. Clark; 1832, August, Elijah Wentworth; 1834, August, Asahel Steele; 1836, August, Orsemus Morrison; 1838, August, John K. Boyer; 1840, August, Edward Murphy, re-elected in 1842; 1844, August, Orson Smith; 1846, August, Patrick Kelley; 1848, August, Nicholas Burdell, re-elected in 1850; 1852, November, Austin Hines; 1854, November, James S. Beach; 1856, November, George P. Hansen; 1858, November, William James, re-elected 1860; 1862, November, Ernst Schmidt, resigned, January, 1864; William Wagner, 1864-'70; John Stephens, 1870-'72; Emil Dietzsch, 1872-'78; O. L. Mann, 1878-'80; C. R. Matson, 1880-'82; N. B. Boyden, 1882 up to date.

COUNTY TREASURERS.—Until 1835 these officials were elected by the County Board, since which time they have been elected by the people for a term of two years. The incumbents have been as follows: Archibald Clybourn, 1831-34; Isaac Harmon, March, 1834-35; Henry Kimball, 1835-36; Samuel G. Trowbridge, from March, 1836, to June, 1837; Edward E. Hunter, from June, 1837, to May, 1838; John Calhoun, from May, 1838, to June, 1839; Nathan H. Bolles, from June, 1839, to October, 1839; Isaac Cook, October, 1839, to August, 1843; Anton Getzler, August, 1843, to August, 1847; William L. Church, August, 1847, to November, 1849; James Long, November, 1849, to November, 1851; Horatio N. Heald, 1851-55; Michael Gleason, 1855-57; Augustus H. Boyden, 1857-61; Jacob Rehm, 1861-65; Jesse M. Allen, 1865-67; Thomas O. Osborne, 1867-69; H. S. Rexford, 1869-71; Julian S. Rumsey, 1871-73; Henry B. Miller, 1873-75; Louis C. Huck, 1875-77; S. H. McCrea, 1877-79; William T. Johnson, 1879-82; William C. Seipp, 1882, up to date.

SHERIFFS.—The terms of office of the sheriffs of Cook County have commenced as follows: 1831, April, James Kinzie; 1832, August, Stephen Forbes; 1834, August, Silas W. Sherman, re-elected in 1836; 1838, August, Isaac R. Gavin; 1840, August, Ashbel Steele; 1842, August, Samuel J. Lowe, re-elected 1844; 1846, August, Isaac Cook, re-elected in 1848; 1850, November, William L. Church; 1852, November, Silas P. Bradley; 1854, November, James Andrews, died in 1856; 1856, November, John L. Wilson; 1858, November, John Gray; 1860, November, Anthony C. Hesing; 1862, November, David L. Hammond; 1864, November, John A. Nelson; 1866, November, John L. Beveridge; 1868, November, Gustav Fischer; 1870, November, Henry L. Cleaves; 1872, November, Timothy M. Bradley; 1874, November, Francis Agnew; 1876, November, Charles Kern; 1878, November, John Hoffman; 1880, November, O. L. Mann; 1882, November, Seth F. Hanchett.

SURVEYORS.—Until 1835 County Surveyors were elected by the Legislature. From 1835 until 1872 they were elected by the people for a term of two years. Under the Constitution of 1870 the term of office was made four years. Since the organization of the county the office has been held by Jedediah Wooley, Jr., whose term commenced April, 1831; Addison Collins,

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HISTORY OF PROVISO.

This town lies in the western part of Cook County. It is bounded on the north by Leyden, on the east by Cicero and Riverside, on the south by Riverside and Lyons, and on the west by DuPage County. It originally contained thirty-six sections, but in 1870[*] the township of Riverside, consisting of the four southeastern sections, Nos. 25, 26, 35 and 36, were set off into a separate township. The surface is for the most part level, with some slight elevations in the western portion, and the soil is for the most part prairie loam. The Desplaines River flows south through the center of the east third of the township, and Salt Creek enters it from the west near its southwest corner, and after flowing northeasterly, flows southeasterly and unites with the Desplaines immediately south of Riverside. When first settled, as well as now, the township was mostly open prairie. There was some timber, however, along the Desplaines River and along Salt Creek, and there were two groves —Bennett's Grove on Section 17, and Cat Grove on Section 7. The former contained about one hundred and sixty acres, and was named after a Mr. Bennett, who had a log house there in which in early days he lived for some time, but never owned any property, and moved away. Cat Grove was so named from the fact that Mr. Covell, one of the early settlers, reported to some of his neighbors that on a certain occasion he saw a wild cat in the grove. The total area of timber land in the township originally was about six hundred and forty acres, and some of the elm trees were about five feet in diameter. At the present time there is in area about three-fourths as much as when first settled, but there are now no large trees. Besides the timber there is considerable quarry stone in this township.

The first settler in this township was Aaron Parsell, in 1832 on Section 29, near Salt Creek. The first enterprise started here was the erection of a saw-mill on the east side of the Desplaines River, about one-fourth of a mile north of the present Chicago & North-Western Railway bridge across that stream by George Bickerdike and Mark Noble in 1833. This mill was run a number of years, but changed ownership a number of times. Theophilus W. Smith was at one time owner of it, and built a house near it. Ashabel Steel, who settled on Section 12 in 1836, also built a house not far from the mill. Among the other early settlers in this township were the following in 1837: Thomas Covell on Section 28, John Bohlander and P. H. Fippinger on Section 7, J. S. Sackett on Section 18, James Ostrander on Section 31, Reuben Whaples on Section 6, and A. B. Kellogg on Section 36; in 1838, John Walters on Section 32; in 1840, Samuel Giles on Section 8, Nathan Dodson on Section 31, Mr. Noyes on Section 11, Henry Mesenbrink on Section 19, Peter Miner on Section 11, P. Granger on Section 28, S. Y. Bruce on Section 31, and E. W. Thomas on Section 11; in 1841, Peter Bohlander on Section 7; in 1842, Augustine Porter, George Darmstadt and C. Limberger on Section 18; in 1845, C. G. Puscheck on Section 28, D. F. Deibert and H. F. Deibert on Section 7; Charles Longgood about the same time on Section 6; in 1848, John Pfeifer on Section 7 and Solomon Buck on Section 18, and in 1849 Stephen Pennoyer on Section 17.

By this time as indicated by the vote at the first election of officers in the township, there were about two hundred inhabitants within its limits. The organization took place April 2, 1850. Phineas Stanton was chosen moderator, and A. S. Funston, clerk of the meeting held that day. A number of resolutions was passed relating mainly to animals running at large. The sixth resolution instructed the Commissioners of Highways to lay out the town into suitable road districts and to appoint path masters. The election of officers then occurred, with the following result: Stephen Pennoyer was chosen Supervisor by fifty-one votes; Daniel F. Deibert, Clerk, by thirty-six votes; Augustine Porter, Assessor, by fifty-two; Daniel Stanton, Collector, by nineteen; Joshua S. Sackett, Overseer of the Poor by fifty-two; Phineas Stanton, Phares Granger and E. W. Thomas, Commissioners of Highways by thirty-seven, forty-seven and fifty-two votes respectively; Charles G. Puscheck and Avery M. Pitts Constables by thirty-six and twenty-nine votes respectively; and Nathan Dodson and A. S. Funston, Justices of the Peace by forty-seven and thirty-six votes respectively. The total number of votes cast at this election was fifty-two. The Commissioners of Highways soon after this election divided the town into four road districts—that part west of the Desplaines River into two and that part east of the river into two. This town was organized under the name of Taylor, but during the month of April the name Proviso was substituted for Taylor—Proviso being suggested by the prominence still maintained in the minds of the people by the Wilmot Proviso.

The first road laid out by the Commissioners of Highways commenced at a point in the Chicago and Naperville road near Forbes's place; thence northerly to the Chicago and St. Charles road near Whaples; thence east with the Chicago and St. Charles road to near Kettlestrings's east line, and thence northerly to the northeast corner of Section 6, Township 39, Range 12 east, and this road was declared to be a public highway. On the first of April, 1851, a resolution was passed that five mills on the dollar be raised for the purpose of building a bridge across the Desplaines River, "where the Chicago and Grand DeTour State Road crosses the said river," by a vote of twenty-four for the resolution to nineteen against it, and this resolution was followed by another authorizing the commissioners to negotiate a loan of not over $600, at any interest not to exceed twelve and one half per cent for the purpose of building the bridge, and that the debt thus incurred should be liquidated by the five mill on the dollar tax. At the annual election held this day, April 1, 1851, fifty-one votes were cast. The following list of officers shows the results of this and subsequent elections to 1883 inclusive:

Supervisors.—Stephen Pennoyer, 1851; Solomon Kellogg, 1852; Daniel F. Deibert, 1853; A. S. Funston, 1854; A. Miniere, 1855; Stephen Pennoyer, 1856–58; W. E. Ginther, 1859–61; Stephen Pennoyer, 1862; C. G. Puscheck, 1863 to 1867 inclusive; Philip Bohlan-

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[*] See History of Riverside.

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He continued the publication of this paper until 1853. In 1854 the paper became the Free West, and in 1856 was merged into the Chicago Tribune. From 1845 to 1854 he was connected with the publication of the Daily News; was editor of the Liberty Tree from 1846 to 1848, and of the Daily Times from 1852 to 1853. In 1857 he was editor of the Chicago Magazine. He was the author of and read numerous papers before the Chicago Historical Society of which he was a member, among them "The Regicides," the "Black Code of Illinois," and one on the "Formation of the Republican Party," showing that it had its birth at Rockford, Ill., in June, 1854. Mr. Eastman became the personal and political friend of Abraham Lincoln, who recognized his personal worth and patriotism by giving him an honorable foreign appointment, making him consul at Bristol, England, which position he held from 1861 to 1869. In 1870 he moved to Elgin, where he lived until November, 1874, when he moved to Maywood. While in Elgin he was without regular business, but wrote almost continuously for various papers. In 1874 he was one of the organizers of the re-union of the anti-slavery men of the Northwest, and was made its secretary. Since this time he was engaged in writing for various publications, until, in October, 1882, he commenced to write on the History of Chicago, by A. T. Andreas, and was engaged on this history up to within two weeks of his death, which occurred June 14, 1883. In January, 1883, he went to Florida hoping to obtain relief from bronchial troubles, which hope was realized, and in May he returned to Chicago,: but his strength was insufficient to withstand the insidious encroachments of a chronic affection—inflammation of the bladder, from which, after an illness of two weeks, he died. Mr. Eastman was married June 29, 1840, to Mary Jane Corning, of Burlington, Vt., who survives him, and by whom he had five children, four sons and one daughter. Two of them survive, Mrs. I. S. Bartlett, now of Wyoming Territory, and Sidney C. Eastman, a lawyer of Chicago.

JOHN FIPPINGER, farmer, Section 9, Township 39, Range 12, P. O. Maywood, was born in Bavaria in March, 1836, and in June his father, Peter H., immigrated to Boston, and in 1837 to Illinois. He worked in various parts of the State up to 1842, when he settled in Proviso Township, Cook County, where the subject of this sketch assisted him on the farm up to 1859, since which time he has followed agricultural pursuits on his own account. He has a nice farm of one hundred acres. Mr. Fippinger has always been identified with the political affairs of the township. For eight years he was Constable, Treasurer twelve years, Assessor six years, and Collector four years, and Commissioner of Highways two years. He was married in July, 1857, to Elizabeth Glos; they have a family of six children.

GEORGE GLOS, farmer, Section 9, Township 39, Range 12, P. O. Maywood, was born February 14, 1830, in Germany. In 1853 he came to Illinois and located at Proviso Township, since which time he has followed agricultural pursuits. In 1861 he moved to his present farm, which consists of eighty-five acres, all highly improved. Mr. Glos was for two years Overseer of the Roads in this locality, and for seven years School Director. He was married in 1859 to Elizabeth Fippinger; they have a family of eight children.

JAMES M. LACKEY, M. D., was born in Harrison County, Ohio, March 8, 1834, and reared on a farm. He came West to Christian County, Ill., in 1854; was for a year employed in teaching school at Taylorville, and in same capacity in various portions of the State up to 1858, when he went further West to Kansas; there he was employed in printing houses and also taught school. In the spring of 1861 he enlisted in Company F, 1st Kansas Infantry, and served one year, after which he returned to Illinois and was again occupied in teaching and employed in printing office. In 1868 he joined his brother, Dr. R. M. Lackey, at Chicago, opening, in company with him, a large Turkish bath-house, which was destroyed in the fire of 1871. He studied medicine at Rush Medical College, and Bennett Medical College, Chicago, graduating at the latter in 1877; he practiced for several years in Ogle County, Ill., and in 1880 located at Maywood.

AUGUST C. G. MAAS, engraver, was born in the city of Greifswold, Prussia, November 9, 1837. Immigrating to America in 1851, he was for several years employed in a printing office in Syracuse, N. Y., and for four years in the drug business. Mr. Maas is a natural artist in his profession, and has followed it since 1858. He is also quite a gifted artist in drawing, etc. He came to Chicago in 1861, and previous to the fire of 1871 was of the firm of Maas & Manz, engravers. For the past three or four years he has given his main attention to what is known as crayon etching, which he has succeeded in bringing to a high state of perfection. He has resided at Maywood since June, 1871, where he has a very fine residence. His present place of business is at the southeast corner of Clark and Lake streets.

JOHN T. ROCKAFELLOW, superintendent of foundry, Crane Bros.' Manufacturing Company, was born in Livingstone County, N. Y., in 1838, and at the age of about seventeen years began to learn the trade of molder, and before quite finishing his time was placed in charge of the foundry, since which he has been employed as foreman in various foundries. He came to Chicago in June, 1871, and was superintendent of foundry for D. M. Ford & Co. for a short time. Subsequently he built a foundry for General John McArthur, and managed it for two and a half years. In 1874 he became connected with the Crane Bros'. Manufacturing Company, and has the management of their foundry. Mr. Rockafellow moved to Maywood in May, 1878, and was interested in the incorporation of the village and served two terms as Trustee. He is a member of Golden Rule Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 726, Chicago.

WILLIAM H. SHARP was born at Milroy, Rush Co., Ind., December 11, 1835, and educated at a Quaker academy, at Mount Pleasant, Ohio. He began his business career at the age of twenty-one years, at Cambridge, Ind., where for five years he was engaged in dealing in sewing machines, agricultural implements, etc. Early in 1862 he moved to Indianapolis and represented the Florence Sewing Machine Company as State agent. In 1863 he came to Chicago, locating there in August. Mr. Sharp continued for thirteen years general Northwestern agent of the Florence Sewing Machine Company. In October, 1876, he embarked in the manufacture of patent medicine in the firm of L. L. Gifford & Co., continuing in that until November, 1882, when he became interested in the cattle business in the West, to which he now devotes his entire time. Maywood has been his residence since March, 1874, his house being one of the finest there.

ASHBLE JOHN STEELE, farmer, was born at Chicago, Ill., April 15, 1842, his father, Ashble Steele, was Sheriff of Cook County at that time, and at the expiration of his term of office in 1843, returned to his farm in Proviso Township. The subject of this sketch was reared on his father's farm, and has always devoted a considerable portion of his time to agricultural pursuits. He has resided on his present farm adjoining Maywood since 1872. Mr. Steele has for some fifteen years done considerable business in agricultural implements, and is now, in connection with other pursuits, acting as agent for the Champion Reaper. His father was a very early settler, having located here in 1833. He died in 1861, but his widow still resides on the old place.

OLIVER S. WESTCOTT, teacher, was born at Wickford, R. I., December 15, 1834, where he received his early education. He began life as a teacher in 1853, while still continuing his studies at Suffield, Conn., and in 1856 graduated at Brown University, Providence, R. I. In 1858 he came to Dwight, Livingston Co., Ill. He taught for some years in that place, and in Kendall and Kane counties, at one time holding the office of County Clerk of the former county. He also taught at Warsaw and Lockport, Ill., and in the fall of 1867 came to Chicago. He was professor of mathematics in the Central High School for three years, after which he was for the same length of time in the employ of Brewer & Tileston, publishers, of Boston; then again at the Central High School as professor of mathematics and zoology for a term of four years, subsequently going to Racine, Wis., where he was for three years Superintendent of the schools of that city. Returning to Chicago in the fall of 1881, he was for a time professor of mathematics and zoology at the North Division High School, of which he is now principal. Professor Westcott has made his home at Maywood since the fall of 1872.

RIVER FOREST.

This village is located on the east bank of the Desplaines River, and on the Galena Division of the Chicago & North-Western Railway, nine and eight-tenths miles from Chicago. The three original subdivisions of this village were made in 1870 by Roger Fowler, George L. Thatcher, Solomon Thatcher and Mr. Lathrop. Five hundred acres were laid out, lying in Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12. Lake Street passes through the southern portion of the village, and is continued across Desplaines River by a bridge. The development of this village was quite rapid during the first few years of its existence. The brick school-house was built in 1860, at a cost of $10,000, and the Methodist church building, which cost about the same amount, was completed in 1873. By this time about fifty houses had been completed, varying in value from $2,000 to $25,000, Solomon Thatcher's house costing the latter sum. The west end of what is now River Forest was originally named Thatcher by the railroad company, in honor of

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muddy surface drainage, by a slow ooze, into the sluggish river, called by the Indians the "Che-ca-gou," or Garlic-weed creek.

This anemic stream staggered, now eastward, now westward. Spring freshets carried its waters over a low water divide into the Desplaines River, and thence, by the Illinois and Mississippi rivers, into the Gulf of Mexico. The rest of the year it drifted nonchalantly lakeward. At its mouth a sand-bar opposed its career, whereupon it turned docilely southward to meet the lake about where Madison Street now touches the shore.

The chief sign of man's handiwork in the landscape was Fort Dearborn, consisting of a regulation blockhouse, characteristic of our frontiers of those days. This, with a few low buildings, such as barracks, officers' quarters and storehouses, all built of rough-hewn logs, was enclosed by a stockade. The fort was the second on this site, having been built in 1816 on the ruins of its predecessor, which had been looted and burnt by the Indians who perpetrated what is now known as the Chicago Massacre, on August 15, 1812.

Across the river and a little to the east of the fort, John Kinzie's house stood,— about where the new boulevard abutment and Kirk's soap factory now meet,—in a fence-enclosed space, with three tall poplars in front and a giant cottonwood tree shading it from the rear. This house was the center of many social activities for several years.

In the forest of low scrub-oaks and other deciduous trees which covered what is now the "North Side," deer crashed through the underbrush. On the river's brink the unmolested crane stood for hours at a stretch in a one-legged

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contemplation of life and time. Innumerable water-fowl, wild swan, wild geese, and wild ducks, semi-annually settled in vast clouds of bird-dom on the soggy, sedge-grown reaches adjacent to the river.

Where now the West Side lies in a huge, more or less rectangular conglomeration of streets, parks, and buildings, in 1819 was a wide, flower-grown prairie where as late as 1837 deer were hunted with hounds, and where wolf packs roamed, filling the night with their melancholy and disturbing hullabaloo. They even prowled about the habitations of man and were our first scavengers. The children of that era after nightfall cowered in their beds, hiding their heads under the blankets when the fierce and mournful howls came too near the scattered hamlet. The pack loved best to congregate near Charlie Cleaver's soap factory, on the North Branch, to devour the scraps thrown out from there. Their quarrels disturbed every one within a radius of half a mile.

Ashbel Steele, an early resident, had a fine team and sleigh, and two dogs with which he used to hunt wolves in the winter time over what is now the West Side. He took with him his wife and two little girls, well wrapped up in buffalo robes, and in his letters, now in the archives of the Chicago Historical Society, he describes the thrill of the swift flight of his long-tailed team over the smooth, flat surface of the snowbound prairie. The dogs roused the wolves and ran them down, the Steele family following the chase in their low sleigh.

The same writer describes an afternoon walk between Clybourne's house and Huntoon's sawmill, both on the northwest side of the city, when he came upon the bodies of

two dead Indians. One corpse was wrapped up and laid in the branches of a tree. The other was placed in a fenced-in inclosure, facing eastward, in a sitting posture, his back against a tree, his pipes by his side, his gun across the lifeless knees. Mr. Steele didn't know that this strange apparition was the body of an Indian chief, Big Thunder, who had requested to be so placed after death, saying:—

"Out of the East shall come great danger to my people. When it comes I will arise and lead my braves to victory." There is no record of the time when this strange spectacle disappeared from that part of the country.

On this same stroll Mr. Steele describes what he calls "Indian ladders," which were used to climb to the tops of trees for racoons and wild honey. As much as two hundred pounds of honey was taken at a time from one tree.

Browsing among the records and yellow, musty, old letters at the Chicago Historical Society is a far from unpleasant occupation. Notes there gathered mention I. K. Botsford's tinshop as being the first building on Lake Street, the principal thoroughfare in Chicago. Near-by was Charles Follansbee's "family grocery store," and Tuthill King's clothing store.

One Thomas Church, who landed here June 2, 1834, with his wife and two little girls, has left some letters describing his impressions and experiences. He says that he found less than half a dozen dwelling-houses on South Water Street; also several stores and the huts of Indian traders. There was then not even a foot-path where Lake Street now runs east and west. He was urged by the residents at Wolf Point to buy land and settle there, as they contended that the boggy condition of the territory south of the river would

forever prevent its being usable. During the periods of inundation frequently the garrison at the fort could only be reached by boat or on horseback. When he wanted to get title to land near South Water Street, either it was marked as preëmpted, or there was a worn-out and stalled wagon stuck in the mire which it would have cost five or six dollars to dig out and haul away, an expense the value of the site did not warrant. Finally he built a store and house in "a pathless region" on what is now Lake Street west of Dearborn. Here he sold groceries, hardware, tools, crockery, and paints, and dealt with the Indians, who paid him, not in cash, but in furs, deerskins, and game, while the squaws brought in wild berries and maple sugar in birch-bark baskets.

After the death of his wife in 1839 he married again; this time a widow, Mrs. Benjamin Jones, and built for her and his daughters a new home on Lake Street just west of where the LeMoyne block now stands. He had a garden full of flowers, fruits and vegetables, and the west of his lot he planted thick with sunflowers and hollyhocks to neutralize "the odiousness of Johnston's soap factory." A heavy growth of shrubbery concealed his house from the street, and a "snow-white picket fence, whose massive posts were surmounted by massive balls," earned for his place the sobriquet "the snowball garden."

Mr. Church mentions the old burial ground on the lake front south of the present Madison Street, and says that easterly storms frequently washed away the earth, exposing and battering to pieces the coffins, and strewing the shore with ghastly remains.

Everyone was not buried there, however. In 1832 the

1795 By Treaty of Greenville Indians cede large area to the whites, including several tracts in Illinois. Among these is future site of Fort Dearborn.

1800 Illinois included in newly organized Territory of Indiana.

1803 Fort Dearborn built on south side of Chicago River. Indians cede vast tracts of land by treaties of Fort Wayne and Vincennes.

1804 Chiefs of Sauk and Fox tribes, sign away all their lands east of the Mississippi. Land offices established at Kaskaskia and Vincennes.

1809 Western part of Indiana from Vincennes north to Canada organized as Territory of Illinois with Kaskaskia as capital.

1810 POPULATION: 12,282. Mail route Vincennes to St. Louis, via Kaskaskia, Prairie du Rocher, and Cahokia established.

1812 Illinois becomes territory of the second grade.

1812 American garrison evacuating Fort Dearborn massacred by Indians.

1816 Fort Dearborn rebuilt.

1818 Enabling act fixes northern boundary of Illinois at 42 degrees 30 minutes. First Constitutional Convention elected and writes state constitution, which is submitted to Congress without popular vote. Illinois admitted as state, with seat of government at Kaskaskia.

1820 POPULATION: 55,211. State capital moved to Vandalia.

1821 General Assembly charters State Bank of Illinois.

1823 Rush to lead mines at Galena commences.

1824 People vote against calling convention to amend constitution to permit slavery.

1825 First canal charter granted.

1827 Congress gives 224,322 acres to State to aid in building a canal.

1830 POPULATION: 157,445. Lincoln family moves to Illinois. Canal commissioners survey and plot two towns, Chicago and Ottawa.

1831 Governor John Reynolds calls out the militia against the Sauk and Foxes, but uprising is settled peaceably.

1832 Black Hawk invades Illinois. His braves are driven into southern Wisconsin and defeated by United States army and Illinois and Wisconsin militia.

1833 Chicago incorporated as town.

1834 Abraham Lincoln elected to State Legislature.

1836 Construction of Illinois and Michigan Canal begins.

1837 Elijah P. Lovejoy, editor of Alton *Observer*, murdered by a pro-slavery mob. State appropriates $10,000,000 for the building of railroads and other improvements. Legislature votes to move capital to Springfield. Chicago receives city charter.

1839 State capital moved to Springfield. Mormons come to Nauvoo.

1840 POPULATION: 476,183. Liberty Party organized.

1844 Civil War in Hancock County results in murder of Mormon leaders, Joseph and Hyrum Smith.

1845 Free school law enacted.

1846 General exodus of Mormons begins: 2,000 cross the frozen Mississippi. Abraham Lincoln elected to Congress.

1847 Cyrus McCormick, reaper manufacturer, comes to Chicago and opens plant.

1848 Second State Constitution adopted. Illinois and Michigan Canal opened.

1850 POPULATION: 851,470.

1851 Illinois Central Railroad granted charter.

1853 Illinois State Agricultural Society chartered and first state fair held. Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington) opens.

1855 Northwestern University opens. Legislature authorizes system of free schools.

1856 Various elements opposed to Kansas-Nebraska bill organized as Republican Party. Illinois Central Railroad completed.

1857 Illinois State Normal University opens.

1858 Lincoln and Douglas engage in series of debates.

1859 Douglas re-elected to United States Senate.

1860 POPULATION: 1,711,951. Republican National Convention (Chicago) nominates Abraham Lincoln for Presidency.

1861-1865 Civil War: Illinois furnishes 256,297 soldiers.

1865 Lincoln buried at Springfield.

1866 First post of Grand Army of the Republic mustered in at Decatur.

1867 University of Illinois founded (Urbana).

1868 Republican National Convention (Chicago) nominates U. S. Grant for president. Construction of new state capitol begins. First river tunnel in U. S. completed under Chicago River.

1870 POPULATION: 2,539,891. Third state constitution adopted. St. Ignatius College, later Loyola University, founded.

1871 Fire burns large section of Chicago, causing a loss of $192,000,000. Completion of deepening of Illinois and Michigan Canal.

1890 by H. Hurlbut

ACHISWEWAH,
a Chief of the Pewariahs. His X mark.
ESCHAWINIKIWAH,
a Chief of the Pewariahs. His X mark.
MEINQUIPAUMIAH,
a Chief of the Cahoquias. His X mark.

"Sealed and delivered in the presence of us. The word (thousand) in the twenty-eighth line of the first page being first written upon an erasure. The word (course) in the fifteenth line and the word (Murray) in the twenty-eighth line of the second page being first interlined; and also (Meinquipaumiah), the last subscribing Chief of the Cahoquias, his name was first interlined in two places in the first page, and the same Chief's name was also interlined in three places in the second page of these presents before signing.

"Sealed and delivered in presence of us. All the foregoing interlineations, erasure, and writing on the erasure being first made, the considerations in the above-written deed-poll being also delivered in our presence to the said Chiefs, the said deed was translated or explained by Richard Winston in French to Michael Dannee, inhabitant of the said Village of Kaskaskias, and to Piero Bloit, Indian interpreter for the Crown, who explained and interpreted the same to the said Indian Chiefs in council. The said Michael and Piero Bloit, interpreters, cannot write their names.

"DATCHSERUT,
J. MERIER,
LAPIER,
PATT. KENNEDY,
J. MORRIS,

WM. CONNELL,
PAGE,
LACHENAY,
VIVIERT,
Capitaine le Milice,
RICHARD WINSTON,
French Interpreter.

"KASKASKIAS, *Illinois Country*, ss.

"Personally appeared before me, Richard Winston and Michael Dannee, of the country aforesaid, inhabitants, and Piero Bloit, Indian interpreter for his Majesty at this place, who, being solemnly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, do depose and say as follows, viz.: The said Richard Winston deposeth and saith that he acted as French interpreter during the negotiation of the purchase of the lands in the foregoing deed-poll, bounded and described; that he, the said Richard Winston, did, to the best of his knowledge and understanding, faithfully interpret and explain in the French language, to the said Michael Dannee and Piero Bloit, the purport or tenor of the aforesaid deed-pool, the considerations therein expressed, the boundaries of the lands thereby bargained and sold to the grantees therein named, and was a subscribing witness to the executing of the same deed, as well as present at the delivery of the consideration in the said deed mentioned. The said Michael Dannee and Piero Bloit depose and say that they both acted as Indian interpreters in the said transaction; that they, to the best of their knowledge and understanding, did faithfully interpret and explain to the several chiefs whose marks are affixed to the foregoing deed or grant, the purport of the same, as it was interpreted or explained to the deponents in the French language by the said Richard Winston; that the said Michael Dannee and Piero Bloit were present at the executing the aforesaid deed or grant, but that they cannot write their names.

"RICHARD WINSTON,
MICHAEL DANNEE, His X mark.
PIERO BLOIT, His X mark.
HUGH LORD,
Captain Eighteenth Regiment, Commandant Illinois country.

"FORT GAGE, July 20, 1773.

"Enregistre au Livre V., en mon etude, aux Kaskaskias, pages 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, et 29. Deuxieme Septembre, 1773.

"VIEERAULT LEMERANCE, Notaire Public."

THE LAST OF THE WILD BEARS.

The last wild bear killed in Chicago, and the first also, as far as *we* know, (for we remember no other told of in white or red men's chronicles), was the one shot in the autumn (October 6) of the year 1834.

We may state, that his bearship was roused to a consciousness of personal identity, by the fact, that he was encountered by Sam George, the baker,* who happened to be rambling through the thicket, or woods, in the neighborhood of Randolph Street, somewhere between LaSalle St. and the River. The timber along the east side of the South Branch, then reached, in places, down north as far as Randolph Street. Whichever individual, whether bruin or Sam George, was the most surprised, we cannot say; but the first-named, whether to show his remote or immediate kinship to the biped who had now approached him, or, perhaps, with the design of

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* Samuel C. George, we believe, that year (1834) had a business connection with E. H. Hadduck and Josiah P. Cook, in a bakery, corner of Lake and LaSalle Streets.

exhibiting his dexterity in a wrestling feat, reared himself up on two feet, with all the dignity of a senator in Congress about to deliver a speech. George, however, did n't wait for any further formalities; he, very likely, bethought him that his oven must be getting hot, and that his bread might be *dough*, unless he left immediately, which we are assured he did. The "settlement" was not far distant, but for the first half-minute or so, till he got clear of the brush, it was understood that Samuel George neither spoke, nor groaned, nor breathed; but there are few individuals so determinedly quiet, who, upon some occasions, do not accept the necessity of making *a bluster*. Therefore, as George emerged into the clearing, or, as sometimes termed, *into the daylight*, his voice was heard; he *yelled*, and *whooped*, and *hollered*, and *pow-wowed;* some thought the fellow was crazy, or else slightly elevated, but the facts in the case soon transpired, and it was plain enough that Sam George had seen, if not the de'il himself, certainly *a bear*, or some other gentleman in black. Chicago, in those days, was fast casting its chrysalis, but the wild deer, and the wolf, and the Indian, still lingered about, and many a settler who had journeyed to what they termed this far-away frontier, had brought hither from Ohio or New York, Pennsylvania or Vermont, his trusted rifle or shot-gun, or, possibly, the old musket or queen's arm, that had been his grandfather's, which long graced the chimney above the fire-place, at the ancestral home. In short, many had the shooting-irons ready loaded; and, of a crowd of villagers, whom the *hallo-belloo* had aroused, among the first who answered the summons, were Ashbel Steele, who kept the Illinois House, or some other tavern on Lake Street, and John Sweeney, a carpenter, who had arrived here in the spring of that year. Bailey Courtney, a tailor, was also electrified with the news, and Courtney had a dog, and the dog too was excited, and they all hastily pushed forward to the onslaught. Coming in sight of the bear, we may say that Steele got the first shot at the "varmint," which had started off on a trot, but the charge failed to hit him, and, as the dog was yelping at him furiously,

he was induced to climb a tree. Sweeney's turn now came, and as the bear was quietly resting at the base of a limb, he had the advantage of the previous marksman, and, as he says, he deliberately took aim at the bear's head, "just back of his ears." Mr. S. assures us, that before he had time to blow the smoke from his rifle, bruin came tumbling down very carelessly, with no apparent caution, as to which side uppermost he might reach the ground. Thinking that it may be desired, by future generations, to know the particular spot where bruin boldly bled, we will tell them that it was on LaSalle Street, where Adams Street crosses; the streets there, at that time, though laid out, were not improved; LaSalle Street being cleared up only as far south as Madison Street; so says Mr. S. Some persons, with a redundant stock of impertinent curiosity, may wish to be enlightened concerning that instinct of the bear which led him to cling so desperately to LaSalle Street, but as we are not learned in the matter, we must refer them to a Board of Trade man. Regarding the fate of the Chicago bear of 1834, it is almost needless to remark, that the shot was a beautiful one, the trophy a distinguished one, and the event, we conclude, will be ever-memorable and historic. Briefly we may say, the bear was dead; he was drawn by an ox team on a sled to the meat-market of Edward Simons, on Lake Street, where his weight was found to be 400 lbs., and where he was skinned and dressed as neatly as a sensible bear could wish. Mr. S. informs us that he has but one regret concerning the matter, which is, that the hide, paws, and jaws were not preserved for the Chicago Historical Society. It is proper to say, that the prevailing and notable food of the village then for some days, was bear's meat; all the taverns and most of the private houses had each a piece; every frying-pan and gridiron in the settlement, it is presumed, was, for a season, redolent and reeking with bear's fat. The villagers had a pride in the matter, because the product was that of their own groves; they fully felt that fatness followed and filled their forests and their fields.

Mr. S. desires to correct the report which was erroneously

given to Mr. Calhoun, the publisher of the *Chicago Democrat*, to the purport, that the bear *ran*, after falling from the tree, and that two shots were fired at him while so running, one of them piercing his heart, and that this was at or near the corner of Jackson and Market Streets. There were but two shots fired, all told; and as the second one entered his brain there was no attempt at running, nor any need for further shots. This will also correct the statement in Gov. Bross' History.

Mr. S. wishes to add, that many of those who had come to that bear-hunt, were scarcely satisfied that it was so soon over; so they, at once, organized for a wolf-hunt, which proved a success, something like twenty wolves having been brought in at evening.*

WEATHER IN 1820.

[The unusual temperature of the months just now passed—Jan., Feb., March (1880), seem to have had their counterpart sixty years ago (1820); as we notice, from a record of which the following is a copy.]

Meteorological Journal kept at Chicago by Dr. Alex Wolcott.

1820.		Daylight.	9 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.	WIND.	WEATHER.
Jan.	1,	4°	11°	10°	0°	W. N. W.	Cloudy; light snow; first ice in the river, 14 inches thick; none in the lake.
"	2,	10	14	25	12	W. N. W.	Clear.
"	3,	4	9	13	14	W. S. W.	Clear.
"	4,	9	14	19	9	W.	Clear.
"	5,	9	5	4	10	W. N. W.	Clear.
"	6,	11	4	15	28	S. S. W.	Clear.
"	7,	36	36	39	36	S. W.	Cloudy.
"	8,	32	32	34	33	N. N. E.	Cloudy.
"	9,	32	33	36	34	N. E.	Cloudy.
"	10,	32	31	31	25	N. E.	Snow-storm.
"	11,	14	14	16	2	N.	Clear.
"	12,	17	15	2	12	S. S. W.	Clear.
"	13,	20	24	25	12	W. S. W.	Clear.
"	14,	14	15	15	15	N.	Snow-squalls.
"	15,	12	14	15	10	N. N. W.	Clear; lake covered with moving ice, as far as the eye can see.
"	16,	20	20	21	21	E. N. E.	Snow-storm.
"	17,	14	14	25	10	W. N. W.	Clear.
"	18,	14	18	15	6	W.	Cloudy.
"	19,	10	0	10	2	W. N. W.	Clear.
"	20,	6	12	25	13	W.	Clear.
"	21,	20	22	26	28	E. N. E.	Snow-storm.
"	22,	7	11	12	5	N. W.	Clear.
"	23,	20	4	0	3	W.	Clear.
"	24,	2	6	18	16	W.	Clear.
"	25,	4	3	9	7	W.	Clear.
"	26,	16	19	26	28	E. S. E.	Snow-storm.
"	27,	18	21	25	8	S. W.	Cloudy.
"	28,	8	1	11	10	W. N. W.	Clear.
"	29,	12	20	31	18	W.	Cloudy; ice 18 inches on river.
"	30,	6	6	4	5	W.	Clear.
"	31,	6	5	3	17	W. N. W.	Clear; snow 22 inches deep.
Feb.	1,	12	0	14	16	S. E.	Cloudy.
"	2,	22	25	29	20	E. N. E.	Snow-storm; ice 18¾ inches on river.
"	3,	10	7	9	7	W.	Clear.
"	4,	0	5	25	24	E. S. E.	Clear.
"	5,	30	36	40	40	S. W.	Clear.
"	6,	11	12	32	24	S.	Clear.
"	7,	28	33	42	30	W. S. W.	Clear.
"	8,	30	34	40	32	E.	Cloudy and mist; snow during the night fell 6 inches.
"	9,	30	34	34	31	E.	Clear.
"	10,	31	32	39	32	E.	Cloudy.
"	11,	28	32	38	34	S.	Clear.
"	12,	32	39	34	20	N. E.	Cloudy.
"	13,	12	22	39	32	W. S. W.	Clear.
"	14,	34	39	37	36	E.	Cloudy; some rain with thunder.
"	15,	36	38	39	36	E.	Cloudy; some rain with thunder.
"	16,	38	42	47	33	S. W.	Clear.
"	17,	27	27	28	22	W.	Light clouds.
"	18,	10	22	28	30	E.	Cloudy.
"	19,	32	36	46	24	W.	Clear.
"	20,	15	22	24	16	W.	Clear.
"	21,	8	20	37	38	S. W.	Clear.
"	22,	34	40	45	32	W.	Clear.
"	23,	28	37	46	36	S. W.	Cloudy; rain and hail with thunder.
"	24,	30	33	40	39	E.	Clear.
"	25,	44	50	59	54	S. W.	Clear.
"	26,	50	49	38	36	S. W.	Cloudy; tempest of wind with flurries of rain and hail.

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* It is hardly necessary to say, that we are indebted to the old settler, the slayer of the bear, Mr. John Sweeney himself, living at No. 320 West Harrison Street, still a hale and hearty gentleman, now in his 70th year, for the substance of the above. Mr. Sweeney's reputation, however, need not rest upon the number or the size of the bears that he has killed; but, as an upright citizen and a good mechanic, who has superintended the construction of more wooden bridges than any other man in the West. His bridges, it is said, hide no deceit, and therefore have never fallen.

We suppose Mr. Beaubien may have left the Sauganash in that year of 1834; Mrs. Murphy thinks the house was vacant some time after their arrival that summer previous to the succeeding January, probably, when a Mr. Davis took it, returning to it its old name. The following editorial in the *Chicago Democrat* of January 10th, 1835, says:

> "We have a number of good houses in this City—that is to be. The 'Sau-ga-nash' has been recently fitted up, and furnished with neatness and taste, and so far as it goes, will, we have no doubt, be found just the thing, and there are others whose qualities are well known."

The Sauganash was kept in August of 1835, by Mr. Davis; but Joseph N. Balestier, in his Lecture, in Jan., 1840, said as follows:

> "In 1835, the taverns were miserable. The Sauganash was esteemed the best; but the crowd of strangers and the scarcity of provisions, rendered every tavern in the place an abode of misery. The luxury of a single bed was almost unknown, and the table had no charms for the epicure."

But the landlords were scarcely responsible for "the crowd of strangers and scarcity of provisions." In the same Lecture, however, he said:

> "The celebrated tavern of Mr. Mark Beaubien, known as the

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than the one on page 331. We regret to have to add here, while we were penning the foregoing, the early settler, Mark Beaubien, has passed away. He died at Kankakee, Ill., on the evening of April 11th, 1881.

It will be proper to add here that at the Old Settlers' Gathering, at the Calumet Club, on the evening of May 19, 1881, Hon. John Wentworth, in his speech, said he had "another duty to perform. There is one man missing." He then turned to the table and took up the late Mr. Beaubien's violin, and continued: "On his death-bed he willed this old violin to me, and as this Club did more for him in his last days than anyone else, I deemed it my duty to bring it down and present it to the Club."

Whether it was in Rome, or Florence, or in Paganini's native City of Genoa, we do not precisely remember, but somewhere we have seen it stated that the violin of the great *maestro* is carefully preserved in a glass vase. It is quite proper that the instrument of that extraordinary man should be embalmed, for the gaze, and to aid the memories of his countrymen.

Yet the violin of Mark Beaubien, that for more than a half-century has caroled forth its festive tones, familiar, we may say, from early manhood to gray hairs and old age of not a few of our pioneers, warbling gaily the airs of encouragement,

> 'Eagle,' stood on the site of the Sauganash. I grieve to say that no trace of this model of Chicago Inns can now be found, so unsparing is time."

But if that was so, were there two "Eagles"? We notice the "Eagle Hotel" advertised in the *Democrat*, January 7th, 1834, by A. Steele, Landlord, and April 15th, of same year,

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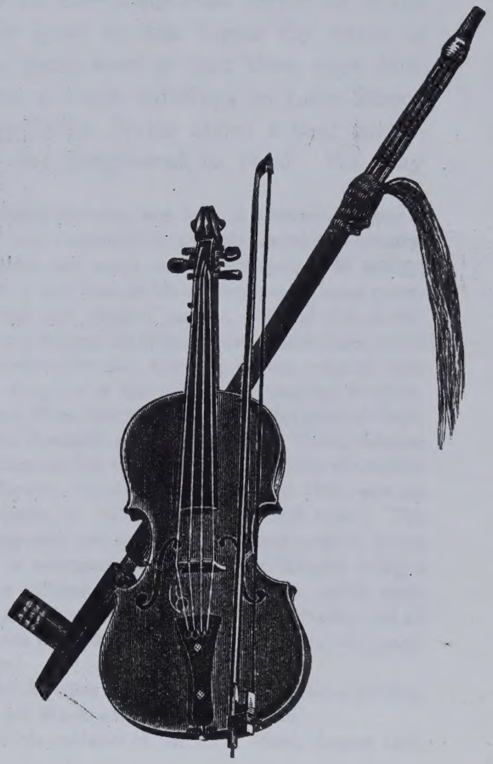
hope and gladness, should also be preserved, as one of the veritable antiquities of a greater city than Genoa, or Florence, or Rome.

By the politeness of Mr. F. B. Tuttle, the Secretary of the Club, which now possesses the instrument, we have been allowed to make a copy of the violin and bow of the late Mark Beaubien, which we here present. Appropriately it will be seen the violin is pictured as borne up by the *Calumet*.



the same house is advertised by P. I. Carli. We do not suppose *it* was "on the site of the Sauganash."*

And yet a daughter of Mark Beaubien has lately said that she once "lived in the first frame building erected in Chicago, called the '*Eagle Exchange*,' on Market Street, near the corner of Lake Street."

From the *Democrat's* sketch of Chicago, written in 1854:

> "A log-building, at the corner of Dearborn and South Water Sts., the once celebrated Tavern of Mark Beaubien."

Here is what T. S. Eels said, in a newspaper communication a few years since:

> "When the Sac and Fox war was over, Chicago was a mud village; at that time I boarded with Mark Beaubien, who kept a log-tavern where the Exchange Hotel now stands."

Mr. Blanchard, in his History, says:

> "Immediately south of this, on Market Street, stood a log-tavern kept by Mark Beaubien. This was sometimes called the Sauganash, but it was not the famous hotel known by that name subsequently erected at about at the present corner of Franklin and Lake Streets."

There are mysteries in the above items, as we have hinted before, which we are unable to clear up, as well as the following from *Old Stories*, by B. F. Taylor:

> "It gives me some such queer sort of satisfaction, to think these eyes of mine have beheld a log-tavern in the heart of Chicago, as" etc. * * * "Yet in an alley, just off Wells Street, where it had been ignobly thrust, stood the old log-tavern. To be sure, a cow looked out at the door, and chewed her cud of grass and meditation, and a pig was chafing his left shoulder against the angle of a projecting log."

We had supposed the "Sauganash Tavern," the one that was "famous," stood on that south-east corner of Lake and

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* We have *heard* of still another "Eagle," (not to refer to Isaac Cook's saloon on Dearborn St.), though it must be classed as rather a select house of entertainment, as will appear by the following, told by an early resident. A large, pompous appearing individual, whose name was Allen, generally called "Col. Allen," was arrested here for counterfeiting; it was while he was on his way to the Court-room, for examination or trial, that an acquaintance addressed him with, "How do you do, Colonel, where are you stopping now?" "Oh," answered the Colonel, "just over here at the *Blue Eagle*." He meant the County Jail, on the N.-W. corner of the Court House Square, presided over by the sheriff, Isaac R. Gavin.

Market Streets, and at no other place. Mr. Robert Fergus is strongly impressed with the idea, that when he came to Chicago, July 1, 1839, the Sauganash Tavern stood on Market Street, on the corner of the alley south of Lake Street, and fronting to the west. Mrs. Harriet A. Murphy, whose late husband, John Murphy, kept that house three several times, says that she does not remember that Mark Beaubien kept a house called Sauganash at any other point than at above-named corner of Lake and Market Streets. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy,* who arrived at Chicago, in June, 1834, were several months in a private house, and in August, of that year opened and kept a new house, just completed, owned by Mark Beaubien, situated on the north-west corner of Wells and Lake Streets. They gave to that house the name of Exchange Coffee House; there were at that time, says Mrs. Murphy, certainly not over a dozen buildings on Lake Street. They kept the Exchange Coffee House about a year and a-half, and then went into the *Sauganash*, in 1836. We may

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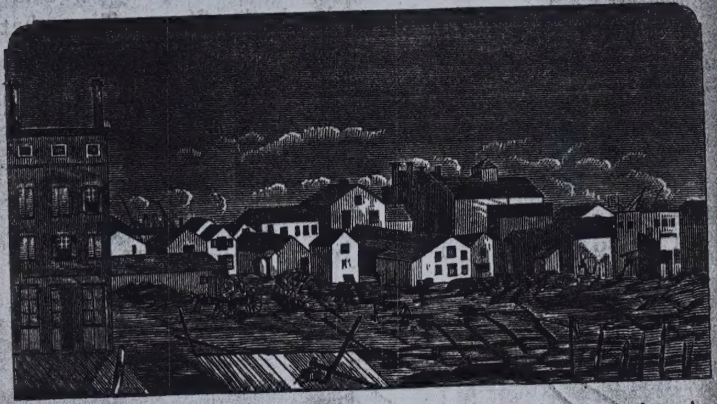
* John Murphy, the son of Edward Murphy, was born in Clermoy, County of Cork, Ireland, in the year 1803, and emigrated at an early age to this country. With a tolerable English education, and much native intelligence and energy, America for him was the field, as it had been to his countrymen for some generations, where he might find a soil and climate, natural, political and social, favorable to his enterprise. Bred a Roman Catholic, it would have been rather an anomalous circumstance at some earlier day, that one of that religious faith should gain an alliance with a daughter of the strict and protesting Puritans. Such, however, was the fact, and Miss Harriet Austin, the daughter of Capt. Thomas Austin and Mrs. Pamelia (Loomis) Austin, of Suffield, Conn., became the wife of John Murphy. [Thomas Austin, we may say, was a direct descendant of Captain Anthony Austin, of Rowley, Mass., 1669, but who, in 1682, was one of the first settlers of Suffield, Conn., at the organization of that town.] The match, it is conceded, was a happy one, and somewhere we have noticed, it was said by Hon. John Wentworth, in substance as follows: Mr. Murphy being a strong Roman Catholic, had the children baptized by the priest, which made good Roman Catholics of them, and Mrs. Murphy, being a strict Baptist, had all the children immersed, and so made good Baptists of them, and, of course, everything religiously, was harmonious.

Mr. Murphy, as we notice, held the office of Alderman, at least twice; in 1839, he was elected Alderman of the 4th Ward, and in 1844, of the 2d.

Mr. Murphy died of cholera at his residence at the U. S. Hotel, August 14th, 1850.

later compilation for that year, James Couch is called "Superintendent, Tremont House." On Sunday morning, October 27, 1839, a fire caught on Lake Street, west of the Tremont House, in the same block, burning both ways, but halting when it reached the brick store owned by Mr. B. W. Raymond, at 122 Lake Street upon one side, and the drug-store of Dr. Sydney Sawyer, on Dearborn Street, on the north.



[We present above a reduced cut, copied from a view, by the late George Davis, taken after the fire. Mr. Davis was County Clerk at the time, and his office was just across the street, opposite the fire.]

The Tremont House was rebuilt of wood in 1840, and ready to occupy, we think, in May of that year, but on the diagonal or south-east corner; the lot had been vacant, probably, since 1836, when the greater part of that block was unoccupied. Not far from the Tremont House in those days, between Dearborn and State Streets, we believe, stood a very tall, large, and fine tree, which every old settler of that day, now living, will doubtless remember; it came to its death, as supposed, from emigrants and wagoners building their camp-fires near it, killing its roots; its loss was much regretted.

Jason Gurley, in the spring of 1846, bought an interest in this house, but, after a year and a-half, sold out to Ira Couch. The last-named Tremont House was burned July 21, 1849, but rebuilt, with brick, in 1850; and afterward, by the aid of many hundred jack-screws, it was raised bodily up to accommodate itself to the established grade, but was burned in the great fire of 1871, and since rebuilt in stone, with much elegance.

We have already referred to the "Eagle Hotel," (located probably on Lake Street), kept early in January, 1834, by Ashbel Steele, as by an advertisement in the *Democrat*, of that time; but in April succeeding, the same house is advertised as having been taken by P. I. Carli. Perhaps Mr. Steele had kept the Eagle the year before, and may be he took another tavern when he left the Eagle. Mr. Carli, in December, 1835, was living six miles up the north-branch.

The *New-York House*, it is said, was a two-story wood building, with eaves to the street, "in the style of country taverns of those days." In its rear stood its large barn, an indispensable attachment at that time. This house was open for custom in 1835, or possibly the year before, and stood where was afterward number 180, on north side of Lake Street. It seems to have been kept by Johnson and Stevens, as a dissolution of partnership in keeping that hotel is advertised in the *Democrat*, dated Dec. 20, 1835, with names attached, "S. Johnson," "G. Stevens;" Mr. Johnson was to continue the landlord. We have supposed that possibly there was an error of the printer, and that the name "S. Johnson" should have been L. Johnson. Mr. Lathrop Johnson[*] informs us that he kept the New-York House five years, but within what dates he did not add. In the fall of 1839, this house was kept by L. M. Osterhoudt.

[*] In Fergus' late Directory for 1839, the name is erroneously given "Johnston." Lathrop Johnson, son of Ebenezer and Deborah (Lathrop) Johnson, formerly of Connecticut, was born in Cazenovia, N. Y., 26 July, 1802. The family removed to the State of New York and thence to Michigan. Lathrop claims that he was somewhat *patriotic* during the Sac war, for *his horse* carried important military despatches during that excited season between Michigan and Chicago. Mr. Johnson came here in September, 1834; he says, besides keeping a hotel he was proprietor of the first livery-stable in Chicago, and also ran the first stage to Milwaukee. He removed to Lake Superior in 1846, and resided, April, 1880, in Ontonagon, Mich.

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THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 30.

Messrs. MASON & TUTTLE General Advertising Agents, 23 William Street, New York, are authorized to transact business in their line for the Journal.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.—We learn from various sources that the northern, southern, tariff, and anti-tariff Locos are getting up their candidates for the next Speakership of the House of Representatives.

The most prominent of these are C. J. INGERSOLL, TIBBATTS, HOLMES, and JOHN W. DAVIS, of Ia. Tibbatts of Kentucky, who has been put forward with some pertinacity, and a good show of hands, in the west, it is thought, by the knowing ones, will not do in any event, because he is a strong protective tariff man, and in favor of a complete and liberal system of appropriations for the improvement of rivers, harbors, &c., in the *West*, as well as on the seaboard. These must prove insurmountable objections with the opponents of any thing else save a revenue tariff, and will most probably prevent the election of Mr. Tibbatts under any circumstances.

The St. Louis Republican adds to the above a new man, with no very inconsiderable pretensions in the person of Judge Douglass of this State.—Notwithstanding, says the Republican, the partially successful efforts of a portion of the leaders in this State to cast him out of the Locofoco fold, the Judge may be taken up as a "conciliation" candidate—much as Mr. Polk was taken up when the "Young Democracy" had determined that Mr. Van Buren should not be, under any circumstances, the candidate of the party at the last Presidential election. Judge Douglass "stumped it" all over the Western States before the last election—was as obstreperous a man and as efficient a leader in the last Congress, as any man in it—and, being on his last legs, may insist on his elevation to the Speakership, unless per-chance he may ride his Ship Canal and Memphis Convention hobby horse into station independent of a presiding seat in Congress.

PARTICULAR HONOR.—The State Register endeavors to be witty under the above head in speaking of a steamboat which is being built for the Illinois River trade, to be called the JOHN J. HARDIN, and advises the Captain to be prepared for a trip up Salt River next August. We advise the Editor of the Register to use his surplus wit to build a scow for the Illinois River trade and toss up for a choice of names for it between *Douglass* and *Wentworth*.

AS IT SHOULD BE.—We understand our merchants contemplate closing their stores at eight o'clock in the evening from November 1st until the 1st of April, thus affording their clerks and others in their employ an hour or two of leisure, which they can spend in reading and otherwise improving their minds. The plan is adopted in other places, and is most certainly a commendable one.

FOREIGN MARKS.—Vice Chancellor Sandford, of New York, has decided that our mechanics and manufacturers have no right to adopt the names and marks of foreign countries. By counterfeiting them they render themselves liable for the profits of the Sale, and for all damages which may accrue from manufacturing an inferior article.

☞ The Tribune Buildings N. Y. had a narrow escape from fire on the 20th inst. No. 11 Spruce Street, adjoining the Tribune Buildings was entirely destroyed. The upper part of the building was occupied by Hewett & Co. stereotypers, and all the stereotype plates, and all the valuable engravings of Hewett's edition of Shakspeare, were destroyed. One set of the large octavo stereotype plates of the Common Prayer, and the plates of the French Prayer Book just completed, were among the articles destroyed. Mr. Hewett's loss will be very heavy.

ILLINOIS BEEF CATTLE.—Among the fine Beeves being slaughtered here for packing, there were killed and packed yesterday, seven, four year old steers from the short horn Durham stock of

PARTICULARS OF THE LOSS OF DR. HOUGHTON.

We have been kindly furnished with a detailed statement of the facts connected with the drowning of Dr. Houghton and two of his companions, near Eagle River, Lake Superior, from two of the survivors of the company. From this statement we learn, that on the morning of the 13th, they started from Eagle Harbor in an open boat for Eagle River, (a distance of 8 miles,) which latter point they reached in safety.

Having procured additional supplies for the surveying party they proceeded five miles still further West on the coast, where the notes were deposited. From thence the party continued their course three miles further to the westward, in hopes of finding Mr. Hill's surveying party, but learning it was still to the westward they proceeded two miles further up the Lake, where they met Mr. Hill and his party. After having transacted their business, they put about for the purpose of reaching Eagle River the same night.

At the time of leaving, there was a gentle land breeze and a heavy sea from the outside. As night approached the wind shifted to Northeast and it commenced snowing; shortly after which, the boat encountered a heavy sea.

Dr. Houghton, being eager to reach Eagle River, continued his course against the advice of his companions. The consequence was, that they were knocked and rolled about in the swell for an hour, the snow continuing to fall, till at length the Dr. was forced to give the word to pull for the shore. It was however, too late, (if it were even possible to land, the coast being rocky,) and shortly after the order was given, a heavy sea struck the boat, capsizing her, with all hands under. Dr. H., though his life preserver had been handed him did not put it on, and though once rescued by Mr. Mc. Farlane, was finally compelled to yield to the force and the chilling effects of the water, and sank to rise no more.

The last words he uttered were to McFarlane:—"*Peter never mind me. Try to go ashore if you can. I will go ashore well enough.*"

McFarlane and Bodine reached the shore, after having been several times washed off from the rocks, and commenced searching for their lost companions in every direction, until they found themselves growing chilly and stiff, when Bodine remarked: "Well we have lost our brothers, it may be one of us will get to Eagle River to tell their fate." They then started for the River, and on the way down, McFarlane fell several times from exhaustion and cold. They at length reached Eagle River, and within an hour the entire coast was lined, by miners and others, who were near at hand, in search of the bodies.

The names of the party were, Dr. Houghton, and two of his men, Lonison Piquette, and Oliver Larrimer, lost; and Peter Mc Farlane and John Baptiste Bodine, saved.

By the death of Dr. Houghton the State of Michigan has sustained an irreparable loss and the scientific world is called to mourn for one of its most useful sons. It seems a mysterious dispensation of Providence that he to whom his country is most indebted, indeed more than all others for bringing to light the vast resources of the country bordering on Lake Superior, should be the first of the multitude of persons who have visited that region to be engulphed within her mighty waters. But "death loves many a shining mark," and Lake Superior is the glorious winding sheet of as noble a spirit as science ever owned.

A TOLERABLE SIZED SHEET.—A sheet of paper has been manufactured at Hartford Conn., for the Hartford and Danbury R. Road Company twenty five feet in length, by three yards wide. It is to be used in drawing a profile of the Road and cost 25 dollars.

☞ The new Orphan Asylum just built by the City of New York on Randall's Island was burnt to the ground on the 22d. It cost about $60,000 and is nearly a total loss.

☞ A special session of the General Baptist Convention is to be held in New York on the 19th of November. It is called with reference to the slavery question.

☞ Two brothers, named Redmond, charged
with the murder of Col.
Island, Illinois have been t
trial.—*Oswego Advertiser.*

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.—We learn from various sources that the northern, southern, tariff, and anti-tariff Locos are getting up their candidates for the next Speaker hip of the House of Representatives.

The most prominent of these are C. J. INGERSOLL, TIBBATTS, HOLMES, and JOHN W. DAVIS, of In. Tibbatts of Kentucky, who has been put forward with some pertinacity, and a good show of hands, in the west, it is thought, by the knowing ones, will not do in any event, because he is a strong protective tariff man, and in favor of a complete and liberal system of appropriations for the improvement of rivers, harbors, &c., in the West, as well as on the seaboard. These must prove insurmountable objections with the opponents of any thing else save a revenue tariff, and will most probably prevent the election of Mr. Tibbatts under any circumstances.

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PERISHABLE HONOR.—The State Register endeavors to be witty under the above head in speaking of a steamboat which is being built for the Illinois River trade, to be called the JOHN J. HARDIN, and advises the Captain to be prepared for a trip up Salt River next August. We advise the Editor of the Register to use his surplus wit to build a scow for the Illinois River trade and toss up for a choice of names for it between *Douglass* and *Wentworth*.

AS IT SHOULD BE.—We understand our merchants contemplate closing their stores at eight o'clock in the evening from November 1st until the 1st of April, thus affording their clerks and others in their employ an hour or two of leisure, which they can spend in reading and otherwise improving their minds. The plan is adopted in other places, and is most certainly a commendable one.

FOREIGN MARKS.—Vice Chancellor Sandford, of New York, has decided that our mechanics and manufacturers have no right to adopt the names and marks of foreign countries. By counterfeiting them they render themselves liable for the profits of the Sale, and for all damages which may accrue from manufacturing an inferior article.

☞ The Tribune Buildings N. Y. had a narrow escape from fire on the 20th inst. No. 11 Spruce Street, adjoining the Tribune Buildings was entirely destroyed. The upper part of the building was occupied by Hewall & Co., stereotypers, and all the stereotype plates, and all the valuable engravings of Hewett's edition of Shakspeare, were destroyed. One set of the large octavo stereotype plates of the Common Prayer, and the plates of the French Prayer Book just completed, were among the articles destroyed. Mr. Hewett's loss will be very heavy.

ILLINOIS BEEF CATTLE.—Among the fine Beeves being slaughtered here for packing, there were killed and packed yesterday, seven, four year old steers from the short horn Durham stock of ISAAC HARDY, near Peru; one weighing 1160 pounds—one 1123 and the five others averaging 880 pounds each, the beef of which commanded $3 00 per hundred and was packed by George Steele, for the Liverpool market.

Care among stock raisers in selecting good breeds of cattle, insures a double profit over common stock with the same expense in fitting for market: in extra weight, as well, as in price, and Illinois farmers, we are glad to observe, are beginning to consult their interests by making such selections.

☞ The Steam Ship Great Britain will not make another trip to this country this year. On her return to England she will be taken into dock, a false keel put on her, her power increased and her propeller improved.

WHO'S AFRAID!—*Wentworth* says the British are fitting up their Navy and making a stir in hopes to scare the coming Congress from doing their duty in regard to *Oregon*.

These inconsiderate *Britishers* have probably overlooked the fact that "Our Member" yet retains a seat in Congress—or they never would have thought of intimidating that body without first sending for *Capt. Hunter's Pistols*.

☞ The Illinois River remains low, and freights are consequently high. The light draught steamers Helen, Odd Fellow and Rose of Sharon are however running regularly.

OHIO ELECTION.—The result of the recent election in Ohio is a Whig majority on joint ballot in the Legislature of 28.

SCHR. MARYLAND.—The Buffalo Commercial reports the Schr. Maryland sunk at Fairport, with 7600 bush. wheat from Little Fort. She attempted to make the harbor in a blow but struck the pier causing a leak, from which she filled in short time, The cargo was insured, the vessel was not.

CLERICAL PECULATION.—In England a clergyman has been prosecuted for some mis use of property. On the examination, another clergyman deposed that he had lent the accused a shirt to preach in, which had not been returned.

COUNTERFEIT GOLD.—The Philadelphia U. S. Gazette says that counterfeit $10 gold pieces have been extensively circulated in that city, and are so [illegible] that they can only be detected by the [illegible]

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOSS OF DR. HOUGHTON.

We have been kindly furnished with a detailed statement of the facts connected with the drowning of Dr. Houghton and two of his companions, near Eagle River, Lake Superior, from two of the survivors of the company. From this statement we learn, that on the morning of the 13th, they started from Eagle Harbor in an open boat for Eagle River: (a distance of 8 miles,) which latter point they reached in safety.

Having procured additional supplies for the surveying party they proceeded five miles still farther West on the coast, where the stores were deposited. From thence the party continued their course three miles farther to the westward, in hopes of finding Mr. Hill's surveying party, but learning it was still to the westward they proceeded two miles further up the Lake, where they met Mr. Hill and his party. After having transacted their business, they put about for the purpose of reaching Eagle River the same night.

At the time of leaving, there was a gentle land breeze and a heavy sea from the outside. As night approached the wind shifted to Northeast and it commenced snowing; shortly after which, the boat encountered a heavy sea.

Dr. Houghton, being eager to reach Eagle River, continued his course against the advice of his companions. The consequence was, that they were knocked and rolled about in the swell for an hour, the snow continuing to fall, till at length the Dr. was forced to give the word to pull for the shore. It was however, too late, (if it were even possible to land, the coast being rocky,) and shortly after the order was given, a heavy sea struck the boat, capsizing her, with all hands under. Dr. H., though his life preserver had been handed him did not put it on, and though once rescued by Mr. Mc. Farlane, was finally compelled to yield to the force and the chilling effects of the water, and sank to rise no more.

The last words he uttered were to McFarlane:—"*Peter never mind me. Try to go ashore if you can. I will go ashore well enough.*"

McFarlane and Bodine reached the shore, after having been several times washed off from the rocks, and commenced searching for their lost companions in every direction, until they found themselves growing chilly and stiff, when Bodine remarked: "Well we have lost our brothers, it may be one of us will get to Eagle River to tell their fate." They then started for the River, and on the way down, McFarlane fell several times from exhaustion and cold. They at length reached Eagle River, and within an hour the entire coast was lined, by miners and others, who were near at hand, in search of the bodies.

The names of the party were, Dr. Houghton, and two of his men, Louison Piquette, and Oliver Larrimer, lost; and Peter Mc Farlane and John Baptiste Bodine, saved.

By the death of Dr. Houghton the State of Michigan has sustained an irreparable loss and the scientific world is called to mourn for one of its most useful sons. It seems a mysterious dispensation of Providence that he to whom his country is most indebted, indeed more than all others for bringing to light the vast resources of the country bordering on Lake Superior, should be the first of the multitude of persons who have visited that region to be engulphed within her mighty waters. But "death loves many a shining mark," and Lake Superior is the glorious winding sheet of as noble a spirit as science ever owned.

A TOLERABLE SIZED SHEET.—A sheet of paper has been manufactured at Hartford Conn., for the Hartford and Danbury R. Road Company twenty five feet in length, by three yards wide. It is to be used in drawing a profile of the Road and cost 25 dollars.

☞ The new Orphan Asylum just built by the City of New York on Randall's Island was burnt to the ground on the 22d. It cost about $60,000 and is nearly a total loss.

☞ A special session of the General Baptist Convention is to be held in New York on the 19th of November. It is called with reference to the slavery question.

The Springfield Mass. Republican states that almost every house between Springfield and Windsor has a tobacco field near it.

Here is where a large share of the raw material for the manufacture of *Spanish* cigars comes from.

ANOTHER ROBBERY OF THE EXPRESS.—The messenger of Livingston & Wells' Express was robbed at Rochester on the 23d inst. He had just received his Rochester packages and having placed his trunk in the cars, had stepped to the ticket office for a moment; when on his return the trunk was missing. Search was immediately made, but no trace of it could be found.

The gross amount of money the trunk contained, is said to be from $18,000 to $20,000, and a reward of $500 is offered for its recovery.

We learn from private letters that the lost trunk contained nothing of consequence from this place.

For the Journal.

LONG LEGS, vs. BANKS.

MR EDITOR:—Can you tell me why it is that John (or Long John as I understand he likes to be called) is so violently opposed to the citizens of Illinois managing and controlling a paper circulation of their own; and why he thinks it much safer and better for them to rely upon the people of New York, Wisconsin and Montreal, to furnish them with a currency or with rags, about the solvency of which they are kept in continual doubt and anxiety? Can you tell me, also, why John imagines that a Montreal Bank Note is much safer than one manufactured within the bounds of the State; and why it is, that the said John would prefer to throw into the lap of British brokers not only the per centum upon their circulation among us, but the chance and opportunity to cheat and swindle us when they pleased? This way of doing business, may very well suit John's notions of republicanism, but a true American (whether in favor of banks or not,) must see, in the opinions of the "Member" upon this subject, that he is not a very fit Democrat to represent the enemies of royalty in the Congress of the United States. If all banks were annihilated John's $8 per day which he gets in gold, would be worth four times as much to him as it is now, and John is perfectly sensible of this fact. He also knows that the more derangement of the currency, the further his gold will hold out; hence his unceasing cries about banks, bank presidents and bank swindlers. The farmers, who have to bear most of the losses, consequent upon a contraction of the circulating medium, should look to it before it be too late.

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☞ Two brothers, named Redmond, charged with the murder of Col. Davenport, at Rock Island, Illinois have been taken and hanged without trial.—*Oswego Advertiser.*

We would thank the Advertiser if it would not hang outlaw transgressing offenders with such off-hand ceremony. The 'Redmonds' (or Redmans) have not been hung, but are in custody waiting their trial. Where, we would ask, is Madame Costello?

It is strange the Chicago Journal cannot perceive that the Quincy Whig and Quincy Herald are two distinct papers. Pull on your spectacles, Wilson.—*Quincy Whig.*

Not old enough for spectacles yet, Mr. Whig, if mistakes *will* occasionally happen through our inadvertance. There is as much difference between the *Whig* and the *Herald*, as there is between an angel's cheek and a squaw's ear.

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SPEAKING CROSS.—You gain nothing by a harsh word. What if that boy broke the pitcher, or put his elbow through the glass, do you mend either by applying harsh epithets to him? Does it make him more careful in future. Does he love you better? Hark! he is murmuring. What says the boy! "I'm glad of it: I don't care how much I break." He talks thus to be even with his master. It is very wrong in him, we know, but is human nature, and the example set before him by you.

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Chicago Daily Journal Office }
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Buffalo, Oct. 24, 1845.

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Hardy, near Peru; one weighing 1160 pounds—one 1123 and the five others averaging 880 pounds each, the beef of which commanded $3 00 per hundred and was picked by George Steele, for the Liverpool market.

Care among stock raisers in selecting good breeds of cattle, insures a double profit over common stock with the same expense in fitting for market in extra weight, as well, as in price, and Illinois farmers, we are glad to observe, are beginning to consult their interests by making such selections.

☞ The Steam Ship Great Britain will not make another trip to this country this year. On her return to England she will be taken into dock, a false keel put on her, her power increased and her propeller improved.

Who's Afraid!—*Wentworth* says the British are fitting up their Navy and making a stir in hopes to scare the coming Congress from doing their duty in regard to Oregon.

These inconsiderate *Britishers* have probably overlooked the fact that "Our Member" yet retains a seat in Congress—or they never would have thought of intimidating that body without first sending for *Capt. Hunter's Pistols*.

☞ The Illinois River remains low, and freights are consequently high. The light draught steamers Helen, Odd Fellow and Rose of Sharon are however running regularly.

Ohio Election.—The result of the resent election in Ohio is a Whig majority on joint ballot in the Legislature of 28.

Schr. Maryland.—The Buffalo Commercial reports the Schr. Maryland sunk at Fairport, with 600 bush. wheat from Little Fort. She attempted to make the harbor in a blow but struck the pier causing a leak, from which she filled in short time. The cargo was insured, the vessel was not.

Clerical Peculation.—In England a clergyman has been prosecuted for some mis use of property. On the examination, another clergyman testified that he had lent the accused a shirt to preach in, which had not been returned.

Counterfeit Gold.—The Philadelphia U. S. Gazette says that counterfeit $10 gold pieces have been extensively circulated in that city, and are so [illegible] that they can only be detected by the [illegible]

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The Springfield Mass. Republican states that almost every house between Springfield and Windsor has a tobacco field near it.

Here is where a large share of the raw material for the manufacture of *Spanish* cigars comes from.

Another Robbery of the Express.—The messenger of Livingston & Wells' Express was robbed at Rochester on the 23d inst. He had just received his Rochester packages and having placed his trunk in the cars, had stepped to the ticket office for a moment; when on his return the trunk was missing. Search was immediately made, but no trace of it could be found.

The gross amount of money the trunk contained, is said to be from $18,000 to $20,000, and a reward of $500 is offered for its recovery.

We learn from private letters that the lost trunk contained nothing of consequence from this place.

For the Journal.

LONG LEGS, vs. BANKS.

Mr Editor:—Can you tell me why it is that John (or Long John as I understand he likes to be called) is so violently opposed to the citizens of Illinois managing and controlling a paper circulation of their own; and why he thinks it much safer and better for them to rely upon the people of New York, Wisconsin and Montreal, to furnish them with a currency or with rags, about the solvency of which they are kept in continual doubt and anxiety? Can you tell me, also, why John imagines that a Montreal Bank Note is much safer than one manufactured within the bounds of the State; and why it is, that the said John would prefer to throw into the lap of British brokers not only the per centum upon their circulation among us, but the chance and opportunity to cheat and swindle us when they pleased? This way of doing business, may very well suit John's notions of republicanism, but a true American (whether in favor of banks or not,) must see, in the opinions of the "Member" upon this subject, that he is not a very fit Democrat to represent the enemies of royalty in the Congress of the United States. If all banks were annihilated John's $8 per day which he gets in gold, would be worth four times as much to him as it is now, and John is perfectly sensible of this fact. He also knows that the more derangement of the currency, the further his gold will hold out; hence his unceasing cries about banks, bank presidents and bank swindlers. The farmers, who have to bear most of the losses, consequent upon a contraction of the circulating medium, should look to it before it be too late.

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za with the Marannon to the boundaries of Peru and Equador, as far as the village of Andoas, Captain Klause did not meet with any obstacles, except a sand bank, which, with but an ordinary degree of caution, may be easily avoided, the current is rapid. From Andoas, upwards, there are many obstructions which can only be removed by means of the machinery brought by the steamers for that purpose. Near Andoas, Captain Klause discovered two mountains of rock salt, one very white, and the other reddish; and along the banks of Pastazo, above Andoas, he saw a number of little hamlets and settlements of wild Indians, called Zaparos, from whom he obtained provisions; finally he reached within two or three leagues of the river Jops, where he landed and arrived at the town of Bano in two days. From Bano he proceeded to Pelileo, where he remained four days, and saw several good mines of silver and Platina; from Pelileo he arrived at this city, (Quito) on the 23d April.—Capt. Klause says he was truly amazed at the quantity of minerals, dye woods of various sorts, and other valuable woods; coffee, white and common, of excellent quality; cotton, very fine and long like wool; spices, balsam, raisins, wax and other rich productions, which he met with in great abundance every where during his travels.

Speaking Cross.—You gain nothing by a harsh word. What if that boy broke the pitcher, or put his elbow through the glass, do you mend either by applying harsh epithets to him? Does it make him more careful in future. Does he love you better? Hark! he is murmuring. What says the boy? "I'm glad of it: I don't care how much I break." He talks thus to be even with his master. It is very wrong in him, we know, but is human nature, and the example set before him by you.

Say to the careless boy, "I am sorry; you must be more careful in future," and what will be his reply? "It was an accident, and I will be more careful." He will never break another pitcher or glass if he can help it, and he will respect and love you a thousand times more than when you flew in a rage and swore vengeance on his head. Remember this ye who get angry and rave at a trifle.—*Portland Bulletin.*

It must go hard with the French.—During the late French war a farmer remarked to the rector of the parish that the contest would go very hard with the French. The rector replied that, if it pleased God, he hoped it would. 'Nay,' said the farmer, 'I am sure it will then: for He says by the prophet Ezekil, (xxxv. 1, 2, 3,) 'Son of man set thy face against *Mount Seir*.' Now, my wife, who is a better scholar than I am, says that this can be nothing but *Mounseer*, the French; and in almost the next verse it is still stronger, for there the prophet adds 'O, *Mount Seir*, I am against thee, and I will make thee most desolate.'

"Die Decently."—We saw in some exchange paper the other day, an anecdote of a *locofoco* who had been removed from office for some cause, and who, being rather *loud* in his complaints, was told to bear it quietly and "die decently."

"Die decently," responded the irritated locofoco, "how can I do that under such a *Dis-nas-ty*."

tendance at the *City Hotel* in *Chicago*, on the 1st day of November next to receive the first installment of 12½ per cent, on the loan of $1,600,000 which will then be due from the Illinois Subscribers.

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October 30, Particulars of the loss of Dr. HOUGHTON
The drowning of Dr. Douglass HOUGHTON, Geologist of the State of Michigan, and two companions, Lonisen PIQUETTE and Oliver LARRIMER, was related by two survivors, Peter MC FARLANE and John Baptiste BODINE. On the evening of the 13th their open boat capsized near Eagle River, Lake Superior, when the wind shifted and they encountered a heavy sea. [C.W.J. Nov. 3; C.D. Nov. 4; W.C. Nov. 6]

October 30, Married 1845 BOTSFORD
By the Rev. Mr. RYAN, T. B. BOTSFORD to Miss Francis H. DAWLEY. [C.W.J. Nov. 3]

November 1, Died
At Como, Ill., on the 22d inst., of a lingering illness, Miss Mary MAISON, aged 29 years, formerly of Philadelphia Co., Pennsylvania. [C.W.J. Nov. 3]

November 8, Found Dead
A coroner's inquest was held yesterday afternoon, upon the body of Mrs. Ann NOBLE, wife of Major NOBLE, who resides a few miles north of the city, found dead in her bed. The jury returned a verdict of "strangulation caused by a strip of cotton cloth being tied about the neck of the deceased, either by her own hand or by that of a person unknown." [C.W.J. Nov. 10]

November 12, Married
November 11th, by Justice RUCKER, A. H. BIELFELD, of Milwaukie to Miss Louisa HEYMANN of Chicago. [C.W.J. Nov. 17]

November 13, Married
By F. A. HOWE, Esq., on the 9th inst., Mr. Wm. ARMSTRONG to Eliza KENNEDY. [C.W.J. Nov. 17]
On the 10th inst., Mr. Wm. DEMING to Nancy KELLY. [C.W.J. Nov. 17]

November 13, Died
In this city yesterday morning, Nov. 12th, of Consumption, after a short illness, Evert REED, aged 39 years, formerly of Saratoga, N. Y. [C.W.J. Nov. 17; W.C. Nov. 20]
On Tuesday morning the 11th inst., Mrs. Bertha STRONG, wife of Geo. C. GIBB, Esq., and daughter of Hon. Elisha B. STRONG, Rochester, N. Y. [C.W.J. Nov. 17]

November 13, Mortgage Sale
Mortgage dated the 3rd day of Oct. 1845, executed by Michael P. SMITH to the undersigned, the wreck of the vessel called the "James K. Polk" now being at or near Michigan City, Ia., willbe sold. C. HOLLAND, L. G. TUTTLE, Nelson TUTTLE,

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Mrs. Frances Froberg Wooley
886 LaCosta Lane
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Dear Mrs. Wooley,

Enclosed are several items of interest pertaining to Ashbel Steele, per your request. From the Chicago Genealogical Society gleanings of 1848 Chicago newspapers came the enclosed article of A.L. Steele's steamer trip from Buffalo, NY to Chicago (22 August 1848). Also enclosed are photocopies of two election Poll Lists, one in 1834 and one in 1835, both showing Ashbel Steele's name and for whom he voted. If any more documentation is found, it shall be sent forthwith.

Sincerely,
Ingrid Latimer Schulz
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Miss Ruth B. Hudson and Mr. Edwin Halliday, both of Cairo, Ills., were married Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. B. Miller, on Maple avenue. Rev. Anderson of the Episcopal church officiated. Miss Hudson is well and favorably known in Oak Park, where she has been a frequent visitor. The young couple will make their home at 422 Ninth street, Cairo, after cards will be issued.

Last Tuesday Mr. E. L. Conway, wife and daughter, left home on their foreign trip. Before departing for Europe they spent two days in Washington this week, and this Saturday take passage on the Fuerst Bismarck for Gibraltar. In their company are Mr. and Mrs. Col. Edwin Norton and three daughters of Maywood. The party will visit Naples, Rome, Florence, Venice, Genoa, Nice, Algiers, Switzerland, Germany, France and England.

Mrs. Katherine F. White of Chicago has been engaged to deliver a course of four lectures before the ladies of Oak Park. Some twenty ladies of this place who heard her were so charmed with the manner and style of her lectures that they determined to obtain her services for the benefit of the people of Oak Park. The price of the course will be $2. Her first appearance will be at the home of Mrs. B. L. Dodge, 323 North Boulevard. This will be one week from Tuesday.

The Ladies' Club of North Oak Park gave their husbands and friends, members of a singing club, a very pleasant surprise on the 15th at the home of C. Bye, 738 North Harvey avenue. Tables were set for forty, on which were served an appetizing and bountiful repast. During the evening several musical numbers were rendered by the men. The ladies proved their ability in this line, too. Dancing and games occupied the hours until they became wee and small. The party in every feature was pronounced by all a complete success.

DEATH OF MISS STEELE.—Miss Eunice A. Steele of River Forest, sister of Mrs. ——— Steele, with whom she lived, and John Steele and Mrs. Brown of South Maywood, died on Sunday last of pneumonia and was buried at Forest Home on Wednesday. Deceased was 32 years of age. She was born near where she died, her family being one of the first to settle in River Forest. Miss Steele was a teacher in one of the city schools and is greatly lamented. She was a very worthy, unobtrusive lady, and many will miss her. Our reporter did not have time to get further information at time of writing.

Prof. Hatch, district superintendent of education, returned Sunday last from a two weeks' visit east, where he went to inspect the schools of Massachusetts, but more especially those of the Boston suburbs, and those of Springfield, as well as those of New Haven, Conn. He found no conditions there that were better than our own. The ladies took an interest in decorating the school rooms for special occasions. The book

THE CICERO TOWN BOARD.

Summary of the Proceedings Enacted at the Last Meeting.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

No Action Taken on the New Ordinances—A Great Crowd and an Exciting Session.

In all probability one of the largest crowds that ever assembled in the council chambers of Cicero were present at the board meeting on Saturday evening. The session was an exciting one. Comments will be found in another column. The business transacted follows:

Communications.

Harry A. Potwin, town engineer, submitted a report in reference to the petitions from property owners and residents in the vicinity of Twelfth st.

MRS. IDA P. WILSON SPEAKS.

Addresses the Woman's Club of Austin on the Subject, "Longfellow."

When one wants a picture painted he employs an artist who understands colors. When we wish fragrance we choose the flower that generates perfume. So when we want a story told of a sweet and gentle life we choose one whose spirit can interpret the intangible essence of the life that evades us in the statistics. How well this adaptation was proved on last Monday, the 17th, at the Woman's Club, can be well attested to by many members.

How clearly, kindly and gently one of the club's members, Mrs. Ida P. Wilson, told the story of our own American poet, Longfellow. How delicately circumstance, incident, fragments of his song, and the testimony of the nations were interwoven and related as one might sit by the fireside and rehearse it to a cluster of friends.

Who will not read with renewed interest "A Psalm of Life," "The Reaper and the Flowers," and the always inspiring "Excelsior," the latter more particularly, since the broken German tongue could so linger over it.

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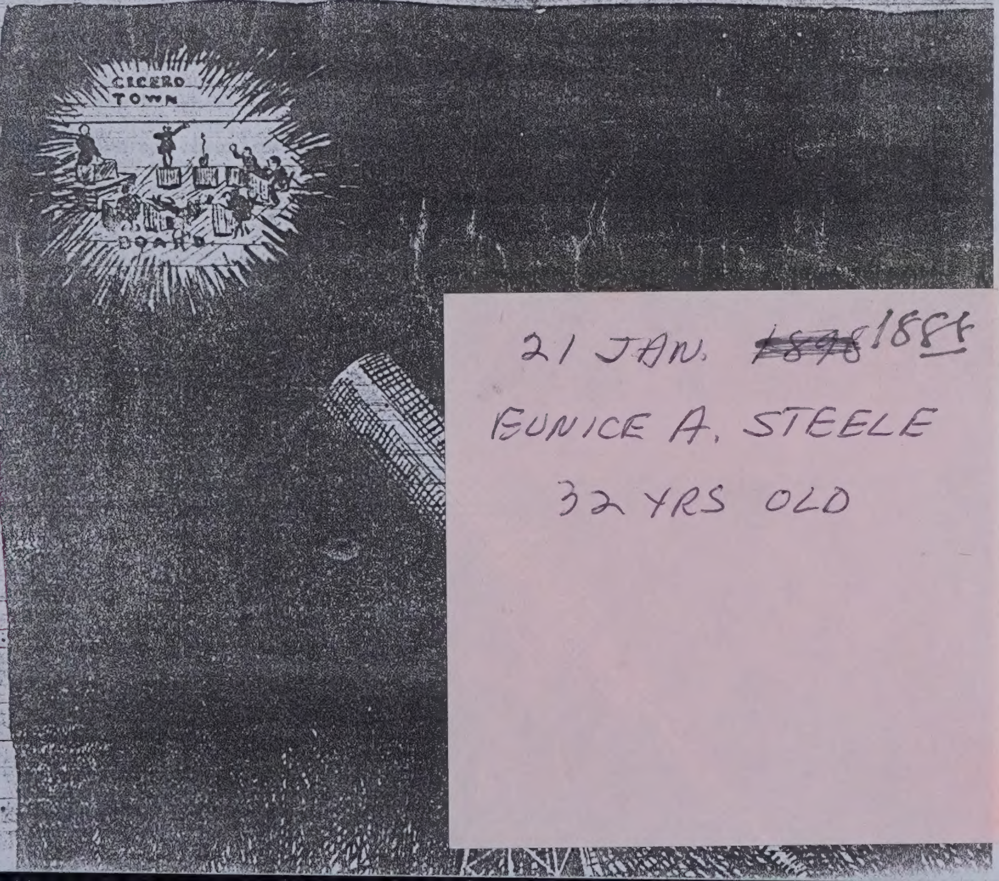

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FRANK TROOST,
Treasurer Village of Harlem.

RIVER FOREST.

A. P. Grant is confined to his home by sickness.

Henry Struble is sick and threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. Luce of Thatcher avenue is back from a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. John Broughton has been called to the sick-bed of her mother in Chicago.

Barr & Collins say that this January is the best in the way of business for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Humphreville rejoice in the birth of a son who was born Friday, Jan. 21.

Get the finest grades of Armour's and Swift's fresh and salt meats at Mathews' Bros., at bottom prices.

John Downey, father-in-law of W. H. Reedy, died in the latter's home Sunday and was buried from St. Luke's Church in Calvary Cemetery.

E. J. Brooks, wife and family left Tuesday for Racine, where they will reside in future. Mr. Brooks will have charge of Mr. F. E. Marsh's farm there.

Hal Chambers, who left home some year and a half since without the knowledge of his mother who thought him dead for a long time back, has been heard from. He is in western Texas.

Mr. Harvey Richards left Wednesday night to join his son in the hotel business in California. Mrs. Richards will follow as soon as her health will permit. In the meantime she is stopping at the home of Mrs. Boag.

The home of Mr. Jacobs was burglarized Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock. A watch, overcoat and money were taken, and the pantry was visited as a matter of course. The identity of the knight of the night is unknown.

Barr & Collins' big sleigh is an object of love and veneration among the school children. Thoughts of it often come during study hours to distract them from lessons. But for all that they are having a jolly good time a-sleighing.

Mr. Goldsmith purchased a lot of Townsend & Houser on Lathrop avenue. The price paid is not yet known. Mr. Goldsmith has let the contract for his new residence to E. E. Andrews. It will be a two-story frame with stone basement and modern.

"Childhood" was the subject of several able and instructive papers at the meeting of the Belles Letters Society which held this week's meeting at the home of Mrs. A. F. Millikan, North Park avenue, Monday night. The society has thirty-five members on its roll.

Miss Harriet Steel died of pneumonia Monday night. Her funeral took place from her home and her remains were interred at Forest Home. The case is a very sad one, as it is but a few days since Unice, her sister, died of the same fell disease. Their brother has the sympathy of the whole community in his sorrow.

W. H. DRECHSLER
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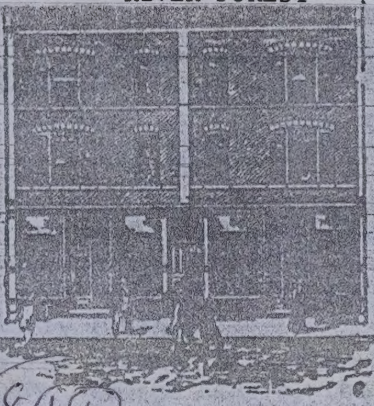

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FRANK TROOST,
Treasurer Village of Harlem.

RIVER FOREST.

A. P. Grant is confined to his home by sickness.

Henry Struble is sick and threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. Luce of Thatcher avenue is back from a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. John Broughton has been called to the sick-bed of her mother in Chicago.

Barr & Collins say that this January is the best in the way of business for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Humphreville rejoice in the birth of a son who was born Friday, Jan. 21.

Get the finest grades of Armour's and Swift's fresh and salt meats at Mathews' Bros., at bottom prices.

John Downey, father-in-law of W. R. Reedy, died in the latter's home Sunday and was buried from St. Luke's Church in Calvary Cemetery.

E. J. Brooks, wife and family left Tuesday for Racine, where they will reside in future. Mr. Brooks will have charge of Mr. F. E. Marsh's farm there.

Hal Chambers, who left home some year and a half since without the knowledge of his mother who thought him dead for a long time back, has been heard from. He is in western Texas.

Mr. Harvey Richards left Wednesday night to join his son in the hotel business in California. Mrs. Richards will follow as soon as her health will permit. In the meantime she is stopping at the home of Mrs. Boag.

The home of Mr. Jacobs was burglarized Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock. A watch, overcoat and money were taken, and the pantry was visited as a matter of course. The identity of the knight of the night is unknown.

Barr & Collins' big sleigh is an object of love and veneration among the school children. Thoughts of it often come during study hours to distract them from lessons. But for all that they are having a jolly good time a-sleighing.

Mr. Goldsmith purchased a lot of Townsend & Houser on Lathrop avenue. The price paid is not yet known. Mr. Goldsmith has let the contract for his new residence to E. E. Andrews. It will be a two-story frame with stone basement and modern.

"Childhood" was the subject of several able and instructive papers at the meeting of the Belles Letters Society which held this week's meeting at the home of Mrs. A. F. Millikan, North Park avenue, Monday night. The society has thirty-five members on its roll.

Miss Harriet Steel died of pneumonia Monday night. Her funeral took place from her home and her remains were interred at Forest Home. The case is a very sad one, as it is but a few days since Unice, her sister, died of the same fell disease. Their brother has the sympathy of the whole community in his sorrow.

W. H. DRECHSLER
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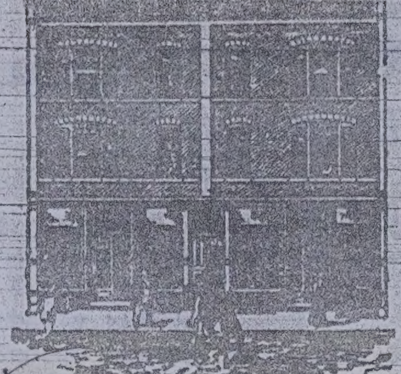

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HOUSE OF ASHBEL STEELE

Ashbel Steele was the first permanent resident in River Forest. The house was built about 1833, located 100 - 200 feet south of the C&NW RR tracks and 100 feet west of Thatcher Avenue, in what is now Forest Preserve. It was demolished about 1914. about the time this photo was probably taken.

The people right to left are: Mrs. George Steele Mrs. John Sander, Mr John Sander their son, Ernest Sander, and kneeling, Mr. George Steele, the son of Ashbel Steele.

The original negative (on glass) is owned by Robert A. Sander of 325 Thatcher Avenue, whose house was moved across the C&NW RR. tracks when they were elevated, about 1915. Mr. Sander still has the negative on glass and the original deed to the Ashbel Steele land.

George Steele, youngest child of Ashbel Steele, was born here in 1848. He remained a bachelor, and occupied the old homestead for 60 years. He farmed the Steele land, until he sold it to the Forest Preserve in 1917. He moved to Maywood and died there in 1927. AlbertHall's -"History of River Forest", p. 84. See also "River Forest as I First Knew It" by Miss Thatcher, daughter of David C. Thatcher, copy at River Forest Library - location of Ashbel Steele house is still present in Thatcher Woods, 100 feet west of Thatcher Avenue and 200 feet south of C&NW RR.

NOYESVILLE POST OFFICE

Noyesville Post Office, built about 1840, was located on the west side of the DesPlaines River, south of Lake Street, where McDonald's now stands in Maywood. It was the first post office in the western part of Cook County. In the early days western farmers, to and from Chicago, stopped here over night. It was called the Ten-Mile House. Slaves escaping from the South, were housed in the basement as an over-night refuge. (Photo by PWB) about 1903

HARLEM SCHOOL

Built in 1860, near the northeast corner of Lake Street and Park Avenue, it is still standing. Children walked from Forest Park, Maywood and the west part of Oak Park, as well as from River Forest.

It is now used as the Administration Building for the River Forest Public Schools.

Among the pioneer teachers, who taught in this school, were the late Frances Willard and Delphine Knapp. (Photo by PWB) 1903

DOUBLE BRIDGE OVER THE DES PLAINES RIVER AT LAKE STREET

The upper level is part of the original turnpike from Chicago to Elgin. The lower level was added when street cars were introduced about 1890. The trolley cars were too heavy to be accomodated on the main road bridge, so a lower single track with trestle was added. (Photo by PWB) 1902

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LOOKING WEST ON LAKE STREET FROM AUVERGNE PLACE IN FLOOD TIME

"The wagon at right was abandoned by the driver when he discovered the water was too high. He mounted his horse and rode back to Chicago to wait for the water to recede." (Photo by PWB) 1903

LEN F. MOORE - BLACKSMITH SHOP

This shop was 229 Lake Street, just west of the Soo Line RR., on what is now Keystone Field.

The cement stepping stones to the entrance are still embedded in Keystone Field.

In September, 1977 Earl W. Rossman, 509 Forest Ave. showed Mrs. Wasson the cement entrance blocks, to the blacksmith shop, still embedded in Keystone Field. Earl's father, Palmer Rossman, started his drugstore in 1902 at the southeast corner of Thatcher and Lake Street in the building which is now (1982) Heads or Tails. (Photo PWB) 1902

GRANDSTAND - RIVER FOREST ATHLETIC CLUB

"This grandstand was packed to the roof, for people came from everywhere to see the good home talent games. In winter football games were played."

The area just west of the Soo Line, now Keystone Field, was the River Forest Athletic Club Baseball Grounds. It was River Forest's first park. 1902

PALMER ROSSMAN DRUG STORE

Built in 1889 at the southeast corner of Lake St. and Thatcher Ave. Mr. Rossman used it as a drug store from 1902 to 1924. Earl Rossman, his son, who still lives today (1982) at 509 Forest Ave., remembers when, as a boy, attending the Harlem School, he had to go to his father's store after school to deliver the prescription drugs his father had ground and mixed during the day. The store still stands today as Heads or Tails. (Photo by PWB) about 1903

DAVID CUNNINGHAM THATCHER HOUSE - EDGEWOOD PLACE

David Cunningham Thatcher bought a farm of 640 acres in River Forest in 1854. It extended from Madison St. to Division St., Lathrop Ave. to First Ave., Maywood. In 1858 he built this house and barn at the NW corner of Thatcher Ave. and Lake St. A cow is coming down the board walk toward the railroad tracks, where the first station was built about 1848. (It was named "Thatcher Station." In 1872 the name was changed to "River Forest".) The Thatcher House was moved (date unknown) to 511 Edgewood Place. It is the oldest house, still standing, in River Forest. (Photo by PWB) about 1903

RIVER FOREST INSTITUTE FOR BOYS - NOW TRAILSIDE MUSEUM

It was built in 1874 by Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Hoffman, who ran a school for boys of broken homes. In 1929, it became Trailside Museum under the Cook County Forest Preserve. It is located near the southwest corner of Chicago and Thatcher Avenues, now 738 Thatcher. (Photo by PWB) 1903

THATCHER AVENUE LOOKING NORTH FROM CHICAGO AVENUE, IN 1902 (Photo by PWB)

CHICAGO AVENUE LOOKING WEST FROM KEYSTONE AVENUE, IN 1902 (Photo by PWB)

RIVER FOREST METHODIST CHURCH

"This pioneer edifice was erected in 1874. It stood at the northwest corner of Lake and Keystone Avenues. The present Methodist Church building was erected in 1912 and enlarged in 1929, and is farther west on the same side of Lake Street as the original church." (Photo by PWB) 1903

RIVER FOREST WOMEN'S CLUB

This little structure was built and used by the First Presbyterian Church about 1887. It stood at the southwest corner of Linden and Gale, facing east. It was sold to the River Forest Women's Club for $300 in 1894. In 1914, it was moved to 230 Forest Avenue where it was, and continues to be, used as a residence.

This was the first Women's Club in Illinois to own its own club house.

Mary McCallum (now Mrs. Ed Pitz of 318 Gale) grew up in this house. The house is now occupied by Joseph A. May. It was raised and put on a foundation, a front porch was added, stained glass windows were removed from the foyer and a two-story, two-room addition was added to the rear. (Photo by PWB) 1902

GRANDLAND TIN SHOP

The tin shop of J.A. Grandland stood on the south side of Lake Street, east of Lathrop Avenue. The two little red cottages stood east of the tin shop. The western cottage was the first school in River Forest, about 1850. Frances Willard taught here. For many years the buildings were owned and operated by Austin Furniture Store, up until 1980, when all the buildings were demolished, and the Centennial Condominium was built. (Photo by PWB) 1903

RIVER FOREST DEPOT OF C&NW RR

Built in 1848, on the east side of Thatcher Avenue, on ground level, the first station was called Thatcher, for David Cunningham Thatcher, until 1872. It was then called River Forest. The old station was torn down about 1915 when the railroad tracks were elevated. The shadow in the foreground is Philander Barclay's. (Photo by PWB) 1903

LATHROP AVENUE DEPOT OF C&NW RR

The Lathrop avenue was built on the east side of Lathrop Avenue. Miss Mary Murphy was ticket agent here for many years. The station was also used as a polling place.

The mail chest for delivery and pick up of local mail, ahich stood in the Lathrop Station, is now in the front hall of the River Forest Library as a historic momento. (Photo by PWB) 1903

ST.LUKE'S CHURCH

"This pioneer edifice was at the northwest corner of Lake and Lathrop Streets. It was built in the 1860's. St. Luke has a fine new edifice now on this site, built in 1937." (Photo by PWB) 1903

RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Located on the west side of Park and Central Avenues. (Photo by PWB)

RIVER FOREST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

"The actual scene of putting out a prairie fire at the northwest corner of Lake and Jackson." (Photo by PWB) 1903

MATTHEWS BROTHERS WAGON AND LITTLE MULE

Returning from the prairie fire at the northwest corner of Lake and Jackson Avenues. Matthews Brothers operated a grocery store on the south side of Lake Street, east of Thatcher Avenue. One of the brothers was head of the Fire Department and he kept the wagon, mule and hose cart in his barn, back of his store. This was before there was a Fire Department building. (Photo by PWB)

RESIDENCE OF GEORGE S. TOWNSEND

"It was built in 1860, and located at the southwest corner of Lake and Harlem. This site is now 7200 Lake Street and is now occupied by Wieboldt's."

This residence illustrates the kind of country houses that existed along Lake Street in Old Harlem (which was the name of the east part of River Forest, part of Oak Park and Forest Park). (Photo by PWB) 1903

PIONEER DOUBLE - HOUSE

"Built about 1850, this house stood on the south side of Lake Street, between John Street(now Bonnie Brae) and Henry Street (now Clinton). This pioneer dwelling was also a trading post, a mill, a private house and later a two-family dwelling- therefore, the Double-house. Today(1939) this whole block is a parking lot, now Lake Garden Court. This photo is looking southwest with trolley tracks of Lake Street in foreground." (Photo by PWB) 1903

BOWMAN DAIRY COMPANY

"Located at northwest corner of Central and Harlem Avenues. Photo was taken shortly after the new plant was built. Milk cans were switched off in the 'Harlem Yards of the Chicago and NW RR,' and were delivered to the plant by wagons. In the horse and buggy days, a ten-car train went through Oak Park every morning about 10:00 a.m., to Chicago filled with milk. The local train put off perhaps a dozen carts at Oak Park every day." (Photo by PWB) 1903

THOMAS BUTLER CARPET WORKS

"This was 121 Lake Street (old number). It was one of the early firms in River Forest. This was perhaps the first automatic carpet cleaning establishment. A large iron wheel, 20 feet in diameter, with a smaller one at either end of the belt. After carpets were left in the large revolving cage about 30 minutes, you couldn't find a particle of dust. Fred Barnard and his chum, Philander Barclay, about 1898, got into the basket Sunday afternoon and started the wheels around. Talk about two lads being dizzy." (Photo by PWB) 1903

EDGEWATER PARK

Edgewater Park was the "lost village", a cluster of 18 houses, built on the Des Plaines bottomland around 1900, and abandoned by 1930. They were located in the triangle made by the Soo Line as it crosses the Forest Preserve diagonally in a southeast direction from Maywood. An extension of Division St. makes its southern boundary, and the Des Plaines River its western side. As it was flooded each spring residents traveled around by rowboat. Evidence of its existence can still be seen in remenants of the house foundations and sidewalks, by lilac bushes and catalpa trees. (Photo by PWB) 1903

INDIAN SNAKE MOUND

An Indian effigy mound in the form of a snake, can be seen on the east side of the Des Plaines River, opposite the dead-end of Augusta St. in Maywood. It is made of gravel and sand, and rises about 5 feet above the alluvium of the bottomland as a narrow coiling ridge, extending 150 feet in a northeast direction from the path by the river, The head has the jaws open and an egg out in front, on which a tree is growing. It was discovered by MR. and Mrs. Theron Wasson in 1938, and verified by Dr. Fay Cooper Cole, head of Anthropology Dept., University of Chicago. The Forest Preserve decided not to put a marker on the site, since it would invite vandalism. The flooding of the bottomland each spring with run-off channels, make the mound difficult to find.

The Effigy Mound was used by the Indians as a ceremonial gathering place, as they migrated along the Des Plaines River Trail spring and fall.
(Photo by Charles B. Ingels of Oak Park)

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the clerestory windows, and in the lancet windows of the ambulatories. Throughout the church are numerous tablets and relics of significance. In the middle of the foyer is a column from the spire of Boston's celebrated Old North Church.

A fine Biblical museum, in the basement toward the rear of the church, houses the collection of Dr. William E. Barton, pastor 1899-1924, and part of the Jerusalem Exhibit of the St. Louis Exposition of 1904. The collections include domestic and agricultural implements of the Holy Land and relics of the early Christian Church. Such treasures as a Pentateuch, said to have been copied by a Samaritan priest from the oldest Biblical manuscript extant, and an undated painting of St. John the Divine, believed to have been done by a Russian before the days of oil paint, are in the pastor's study on the second floor.

In addition to public schools of high national rating, Oak Park has three Roman Catholic institutions directed by the Dominican Order: SAINT EDMUNDS, Oak Park Ave. and Pleasant St., built in 1910 and modeled after the Palais de Justice at Rouen; the BISHOP QUARTER BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS, 605 Lake St., named for the Rt. Rev. William Quarter, a native of Ireland, who in 1844 became the first bishop of the diocese of Chicago; and FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL, Washington Blvd. and East Ave., of modified Gothic design.

Three local charitable institutions are of primary social value. HEPHZIBAH HOME, 946 North Blvd., equipped with library, infirmary, doll room, dining room, kindergarten, and four dormitories, has cared for orphans of nearby communities since 1897. OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST DAY NURSERY, a brick and stone English cottage style building at Maple Ave. and Randolph St., cares for 30 children of employed mothers. The ECONOMY SHOP, South Blvd. and Grove Ave., a clearing house for used articles, was organized in 1919 to help support Oak Park charities. The shop earned $100,000 in its first decade.

OAK PARK CONSERVATORY, 621 Garfield Blvd., is celebrated for its annual Chrysanthemum Show (*Nov. 20-Dec. 20, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; other shows each month through May; adm. free*). Summer exhibits are held in the city parks. The best known of these is the rose collection of 204 varieties, shown at a Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago (1933-4), exhibited annually in the small park at Marion and Greenfield Sts.

RIVER FOREST, 27.5 *m.* (631 alt., 8,829 pop.), is one of Chicago's finest residential suburbs. Distinctly younger and more open in appearance than Oak Park, River Forest enjoys on a more moderate scale the grace and ease of living of its larger neighbor.

In 1836 came the first settlers—Ashbel Steele, his wife, two sons, and seven daughters. In a clearing on what is now Thatcher Avenue, Steele and his sons erected their house. The pioneer home became the center of neighborhood hospitality, and the small square piano, brought overland with much labor, lent a note of grace to frontier life. Ashbel Steele and his family established the pattern that River Forest was to follow—decorous home life, quiet hospitality, and a minimization of commerce. Into this quiet pattern the intrusion of industry has been neither long nor significant. In early days, previous even to the settlement of Steele, a sawmill and gristmill were built (1833) on the east side of the river, north of what is now Lake Street. This mill, the only one for 40 miles around, finished much of the lumber that went into the building of early Chicago. Today, rigorous zoning laws limit commerce and industry to a few small businesses along Lake Street, a few blocks east of the old mill site. Not even a movie house disturbs the residential calm of River Forest.

Early communication with Chicago was by means of the old Frink & Walker stagecoach. Drawn by four horses, it carried ten passengers—nine inside and one on top with the driver. The fare was fifty cents for adults, twenty-five cents for children. Lake Street had ruts hub deep, and there were no roads running north and south between River Forest and Chicago, nothing but trails leading to the several settlements. In 1849 the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad laid a single track of strap iron along the old stage route as far west as Elmhurst. The rails were wooden riders sheathed in iron; the ties were small and widely spaced. Wood was used for fuel and stored in long sheds along the right-of-way, and the small boilers of the engines necessitated the placing of water tanks every few miles. The first station was a freight car, heated with a small wood-burning stove.

Associated with the railroad, though he arrived more than a decade later, was Daniel Cunningham Thatcher, for whom one of the streets of River Forest is named. Formerly a Chicago business man, Thatcher retired to River Forest in 1854. Two years later he purchased a section of land near the Des Plaines River and built a house. The land is now known as Thatcher's Woods, and the Thatcher house (*see below*) is the oldest building in the village. In 1859 and 1860 Frances Willard (1839-1898), the temperance leader, boarded with the Thatcher family. At that time she was teaching in the lone River Forest school. In 1929 the village named one of its new schools for her.

In 1862 Thatcher persuaded the Chicago & North Western Railway to build a station on his property. The station was called Thatcher, and River Forest was known by that name until 1872, when the present name was adopted. On October 24, 1880, the community was organized as the Village of River Forest. The village seal, bearing the motto, *Silva in Flumine* (Lat., forest on the river), attests its attractive site.

The old THATCHER HOUSE (*open daily, free*), 511 Edgewood Place, houses the Trailside Museum of Natural History, which is under the supervision of the Chicago Academy of Science. The collections, planned to show the phylogenic relationships of the several life forms, are composed of invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. A geological exhibit comprises fossils from local

"Springtime" Photo by Ben Golden

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Joseph Kettlestrings and wife. Oak Park's first settlers who also played a major role in River Forest history.

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CHAPTER II
The Earliest Settlement—Noyesville

Ashbelle Steele is credited with being the first white permanent resident of River Forest. There were other white and black settlers, mostly sawmill laborers, ahead of Mr. Steele, but they moved on. The establishment of a steam sawmill on the east bank of the Desplaines River in 1831 preceded Mr. Steele's coming by five years. It belonged to a Chicago firm doing business under the name of Bickerdike & Noble, and later became the property of Mr. Steele and Theophilus Smith. A small comfortable house situated south of the mill which Mr. Steele purchased for his family, was found deserted when they arrived. There were two additional one-room houses on the property next to the sawmill where laborers were housed from time to time. The house that the Steeles planned to occupy had been used by Mr. and Mrs. Ephrium Collar. Mr. Collar worked in the sawmill with Joseph Kettlestrings, one of the early founders of Oak Park. This sawmill was reported to be the only one within twenty miles of Chicago, and was a vital institution in the growth and settlement of this community. (The first sawed timbers for the North and South piers at the harbor entrance of the Chicago River were transported from this mill.)

The Collars were related to the Porters, a family who some years later moved to River Forest. On Christmas Day in 1835, Mr. Porter with his young daughter, Elizabeth, and a hog he wanted to take to market in Chicago, traveled six miles in a straw-filled, ox-drawn wagon from their DuPage farm to the Collar's home, where they enjoyed the holiday dinner together. Elizabeth stayed for the night while her father traveled to the city market. In some recollections of this experience in later years, Elizabeth wrote: "It was a small house and the living rooms were divided from the bedrooms by a narrow hall. It was a reassuring sound to hear Mr. Collar's snoring close by as the prairie wolves howled throughout the night." This was her first visit to the village she was to reside in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Steele came to River Forest to stay in 1836. That he was a man of importance is evidenced by his accomplishments. He was coroner of the newly formed Cook County when he came here, and two years later he was elected sheriff of the county, during which time he made his home in Chicago, where the county jail was located, and where a residence, in connection with the jail, was provided for the sheriff. This was on the northeast corner of Clark and Randolph streets in Chicago. He retained his official residence in River Forest during his incumbency of the sheriff's office, and when his term expired, resumed his activities in his newly adopted home. He was a builder by trade, and erected some of the early buildings in this vicinity, one of the last being the old "Harlem" school building, built in 1859, which still stands at Lake street and Park avenue, and since 1941 houses the Administration offices of the River Forest Public Schools. It was considered the finest school building between Chicago and Elgin, and it served River Forest, Maywood, Forest Park, and Oak Park.

Mr. Steele was of English descent, and was born in Derby, Ct., in 1794. He moved from there to Rochester, New York, in 1825, and two years later married Harriet Dawley. The furniture which they bought at the time of their marriage, including a piano, was brought to Chicago with them in 1833, and to River Forest in 1836. Mr. Steele rode from Rochester, New York, to Chicago on horseback, sending his family and household effects by boat. They arrived in Chicago on the same day. The Steeles established their home in Chicago where Mr. Steele bought land and erected a house, the first brick dwelling in Chicago. The records show that he bought real estate in Chicago in 1830, and he must have purchased this land in River Forest before he came west. He bought and sold other land at later dates, but Mr. Steele's home in River Forest was a permanent one. He lived here until his death in 1861. He was survived by his wife and nine children, seven of whom were daughters. One daughter died while young. The surviving children all married, and Ashbelle had many descendents, many of whom have remained in River Forest. The Steele homestead was comprised of 117½ acres, forty acres of which were on the west side of the river which had previously belonged to Mr. Noyes. Mr. Steele erected a commodious house west of what is now, Thatcher Avenue, east of the river, and along the south side of the Northwestern Railway, which at first, he used as a store as well as a dwelling. Lumber was obtained for its construction from the local sawmill. This home was furnished with lovely pieces of mahogany furniture, and the first piano that ever came to Chicago. Its garden, with masses of flowers and vines, fruits and singing birds, made a charming setting for festive occasions.

One of the sons, George Steele, lived in the old homestead over sixty years. The house remained on this property until 1914 when it was removed. Ashbelle Steele's daughter, Mrs. Clara Steele Brown and two of the grandchildren, Mrs. L. B. Mayo and Mrs. E. F. Ligare, continued to live in the area.

A short while after constructing his lovely home, Mr. Steele moved his business from his home to Montezuma Hall, a large pretentious frame building with two wings which he erected on an Indian meeting site at the southeast corner of Thatcher and Lake Streets. Here he conducted a tavern, the post office, a general store, and a stagecoach stop.

RIVER FOREST by HANNAH AUSMAN

In 1842 Lake street was one of the first planked roads constructed on our young land. The plank roadbuilding was first established in Russia, and then used with satisfaction on a Canadian thoroughfare. It consisted of oak planks laid crosswise over heavy lengthwise timbers and helped to facilitate travel on Lake Street, at that time called Pennsylvania Turnpike. Before the name Lake Street was established this major roadway had several other names such as Old Chicago Road and Elgin Road.

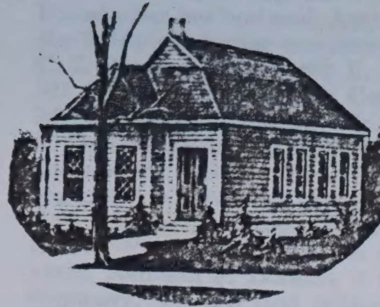
The Frink and Walker stagecoach line traveled Lake Street because it was the shortest route from Chicago to Elgin. The stage on this graded route was a lumbering vehicle, built of wood and capable of carrying ten passengers, nine inside and one with the driver. There were two seats at the ends which afforded backs, and one through the middle which was undesirable, without a back, and certainly no man's choice. "The vehicle sported few springs but travel was so slow that the passengers were uncomfortable but seldom jolted," reported a traveler.

Mud and ice were the main problems before the "turnpike" was planked. When the men could not dislodge the sunken wheels, the passengers would simply have to climb out and walk. Sometimes hardy passengers would press their shoulders to the stagecoach only to be mired down in the mud pools along with the vehicle. When mud conditions were at their worst, teams of oxen and horses, herds of cattle, and droves of sheep could be seen trapped and scrambling, trying to free themselves from their clay beds.

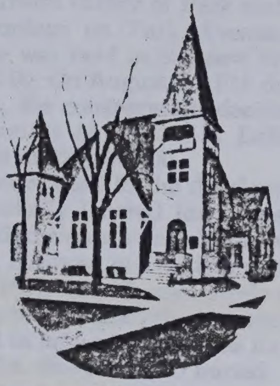
In 1840 with the idea of improving this heavily traveled thoroughfare, the "turnpike" was made into a toll road, with a small toll house located in Sand Ridge, now Austin. (The little toll building was afterwards moved to Harlem, now Forest Park, and converted into Onward Mission.) Before planking huge stones were hauled to the turnpike at considerable expense to the disgruntled taxpayers and dumped into the mire for the purpose of forming a solid base, but instead the boulders protruded in the roadway and reeked their vengeance on heels and wheels.

After 1842, when the turnpike was wood-planked, traveling was more efficient and much more comfortable. The stage ride from Chicago was a "swift" one drawn by four horses, and the driver on approaching a stop would blow a loud blast of his horn. That sound was one of the cheering diversions of the old settlers. The fare on this Frink & Walker stagecoach from Chicago to River Forest was fifty cents, and half fare was the charge for children.

The painted sign of General Winthrop Scott seated on a white charger in front of Montezuma Hall was a welcome sight for the stage passengers. The store and the inn were tended by the older Steele children. Open cracker barrels tempted the transient guests, and bits of tallow candles sunk into little blocks were set out on the counter to light their way to bed. Copies of the latest



The first church, at Gale and Linden streets, used from 1887 to 1894.



The second church building at Park and Oak avenues, known to many, used from 1894 to 1925.

The First Presbyterian Church of River Forest—1974

Photos courtesy Oak Park-River Forest Historical Society

Chicago newspaper, "The Daily American" first published in 1839, were available for guests' reading, and one night's lodging cost 12½¢. Supper and breakfast were offered for an additional 25¢. A unique provision of Steele's Inn, often referred to as Montezuma Hall, was that one might also have a bed for himself, instead of bedding down with any gentleman of the road. It was said that Ashbelle Steele and his family always made their guests comfortable. Rum, wine, gin, and whiskey washed the dust off the rasped throats, and, at the opposite end of Steele's bar, a quill pen poised in a box of shot was a reminder to guests to write a letter home. Mr. Steele acted as postmaster and handled the mail delivered by stagecoach first at the store, and later at a small new postoffice known as Noyesville, in memory of the "old river house" across the river established by Mr. Noyes.

When the coach whistle blew, it was not only a signal that visitors had arrived, but more important, that the mail had arrived. Settlers from areas almost ten miles from our village came to receive their mail. There were no stamps or envelopes. The writer placed his message on one side of a large sheet of paper, folded it into a neat oblong with the blank side out on which he wrote the address and left a corner blank where the postmaster would write the required postage due. Twenty-five cents was the price for the average letter from the east, but a single man had to pay an additional charge, and one cent was the charge for sending a local letter.

The store sold a few foods and household essentials, and special items that could be ordered. Maple sugar, flour, and pepper were always available. They were sold by weight and wrapped in brown paper. Tobacco was a popular item, and it was sold bit by bit, and then also weighed for price.

In the 1860's Mr. Steele sold the tavern wing of Montezuma Hall to Mr. Towle who moved it and converted it to a dwelling on the site where later the elegant Waller residence was erected.

The versatile Mr. Steele, who was sheriff of Cook County, would remove law-breakers from the inn and take them to the Chicago Court House. This practice continued after River Forest hired its first policeman, Charlie Thompson. Charlie would arrest the offender and in turn, place him in Steele's custody.

Mr. Steele's activities were varied, ranging from being a builder and entrepreneur to being coroner and sheriff. His certificate of Election as coroner was signed by John Reynolds, Governor of Illinois, and was dated August 20, 1834. He served four years. His certificate of Election as sheriff was signed by Thomas Carlin of Illinois, and was dated August 10, 1840. He was appointed postmaster of Noyesville (River Forest's name at this time), and his appointment on June 14, 1849 was signed by Jacob Collamer, Postmaster General of the United States of America. The postoffice which served practically all of Western Cook County was first located in the Ten Mile House, a tavern located at what is now Lake Street and First Avenue, Maywood, and later moved to River Forest during the time it was still called Noyesville.

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mental in organizing the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest after her husband, Ashbelle Steele, died. On July 29, 1887, the following charter members organized the church: Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Barnard, Mrs. Lottie E. Barton, Mr. & Mrs. C. F. Coombs, Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Day, Mrs. Cora Gale, Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Goodman, Mr. & Mrs. F. R. Riddell, Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Robbins, Mr. & Mrs. F. D. Thompson, and Miss Minnie Thompson. They met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Chas. C. Marble and discussed plans for the organization. The first church building was a frame structure at Gale Avenue and Linden Street on a lot which belonged to Mrs. Harriet Steele, who gave the church free use of the lot for ten years. Kenneth J. Duncan, a senior at McCormick Theological Seminary, was the first pastor, beginning his service December 14, 1887. In November, 1895, the church accepted the offer of George E. Gertz of a lot at the southwest corner of Park and Oak Avenues with seventy-five foot frontage on Park Avenue. On November 25, 1894, the first service was held in the new church building erected at a cost of $10,000.00. On August 5, 1918 during the pastorate of Rev. C. K. Osborn, the congregation decided to erect the beautiful building they occupy at present at Lathrop, Quick and Jackson Avenues at a cost of $250,000.00.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Steele contributed to the development of the community. Mrs. Steele devotedly labored for the establishment of secular and nonsecular education whereas Mr. Steele's varied interests emphasized political, business, and social progress. Ashbelle Steele died September 26, 1861, and Harriet Steele died July 25, 1895. Mr. Steele was at first buried in a private cemetery on his own land in River Forest, and in later years, he was moved to Forest Home Cemetery, where Mrs. Steele is also buried.

CHAPTER III
Extending the Boundaries—Harlem

River Forest profited from its proximity to Chicago in its early days. This was evidenced by the coming of Ashbelle Steele, and his successors, most of whom came from Chicago, attracted by the beautiful topography, fertile land, forests, and the river which bordered on the west. It was also located on Lake street, one of the first throughways from Chicago west.

Most of the early settlers sought grazing or farmland here, using the forest for their wood requirements only. The heavily wooded thickets appeared ominous and almost impenetrable to them. Danger lurked in many forms within that wooded darkness. Although the early settler was usually a proficient hunter, he was inadequately equipped to combat much of the forest wild life. The mad charging bucks protecting their timid deer were menacing to all but the Indians whose accurate shot with bow and arrow was more effective than the rifle of the settlers. The pioneer often brought west with him a long barreled ball and cap rifle, for which he moulded his own bullets. With powder horn slung by strap over his shoulder, his "patches" carried on a string, and his cap and bullets in a bag, he was ready to hunt wild geese or prairie chickens on the prairie rather than the ferocious game of the forest.

The chickens hatched their young on the prairies, and it was an unspeakable joy for the young boys to find a nest of eggs hidden in the tall grass while hunting with their elders, or while driving home the hogs or cows grazing on the prairie. Every settler had a "bell cow" with his herd that could distinguish his from others at a distance, by the sound of the bell. The prairie was ideal for both farming and grazing, and hog raising was the most economical and successful use of the land. Hog raising did not require fencing, and unlike cattle and sheep, they never got lost. The first settlers turned out their branded hogs to wander and fatten on the acorns, wild fruits, roots, grasses and herbs. Grazing hogs would roam at will and return home on call, therefore demanding a minimum of care and effort.

and pointed it at the teacher whose sole offense was her endeavor to impart knowledge to him." (Miss Ferguson's resignation was understandable.)

The Reverend Oliver Willard who had been conducting Bible School in the vicinity, replaced the vacated teaching position for the balance of that school year, and "ruled the classroom with an iron hand." Rev. Willard was followed by his sister, Miss Frances Willard, who afterward became famous as national head of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She taught in River Forest with her brother's frequent assistance until the third school building was erected in 1859.

Frances Willard tells, in her *Glimpses of Fifty Years*, of her experiences teaching in River Forest. This was her first school assignment which she accepted it against the wishes of her family, and the advice of the county superintendent of public schools, as "this was the least desirable position on his list, far out on the prairie, attended by children of many foreigners" (mostly German) from several villages totaling about fifteen pupils. It is now a matter of local pride that this outstanding woman began her career here though it meant "wading through marshes to reach a dirty, neglected building," where she taught for two years.

The Harlem School, two-story brick and stone building, located at Park Avenue and Lake Street, was an outstanding and functional architectural achievement for a school structure, containing its own well water, individual room stoves for heat, and constructed to be as "fire-safe" as was possible. It was the largest school building of its time between Chicago and Elgin. Ashbelle Steele was the contractor; Robert Bellinger supplied the bricks; Amos Pack was the mason; and most of the builders who worked on the construction of the school, were local residents. It is said that Harlem School was the pride of the community. The school was divided into two teaching divisions, upstairs consisted of scholars in and above the fourth grade reader and was presided over by J. E. Dow, and later by the red be-whiskered George Washington Wilcox, and downstairs Mrs. Hoffman managed the younger students until Miss Dell C. Knapp took over this position. Although Miss Willard did not teach at Harlem School, she continued to be an important influence in the school and in the community for many years.

Strict discipline was thought to be a prerequisite to valid teaching and therefore it was enforced at all age levels. Most of the written recollections of student days of this period emphasized the strict rules. One wrote: "Most of us were taught at home to read before attending school. I remember Miss Knapp saying 'you are doing well for a little girl of six,' but when I persisted in printing in school instead of trying to write, she bade me in a good round tone to stop such nonsense, open my book, and learn to write. These were strong words for a young child, but I suppose I may thank Miss Knapp that I am writing — not printing today."

Another student recollection written in 1884 stated: "The discipline in those days was very different from that of today. Mrs. Hoffman had a chalkline drawn in front of her desk. At this line the toes of the reciting class must strictly touch — being liable to a rap with the pointer if they slipped off. Our books were held in a certain position while reading, in one hand in front of the eyes, the thumb being over the left hand page, little finger over the right. For not holding books thus, or for other misdemeanors or errors in recitation, one might be sent one or two places below the head of the line; for a serious one, to the foot of the class. The call of a class to the chalkline was given thus: 'Ready, turn in seat, rise, face front, and march!' The best scholar in a class was given the position of Monitor standing beside the teacher's desk, pointer in hand, ready for careless toes, and with eyes vigilant for any infringement of the rules. The scholars who sat on the rear seats were also called Monitors, and collected and distributed slates, or at a given signal, marched forward shaking two shakes from a water-bottle with perforated cork on corrected slates. (Our slate-frames were cased by our mothers in flannel for greater quiet in the schoolroom.")

Another wrote this memory of a school experience: "Any child arriving 'tardy' was to come in at the north side entrance and was not permitted to take his seat until recognized by the teacher. I remember well a little group of us who took our lunch to the woods, then north of the school, and came back hearing what we took for the 'first bell.' When we came near enough to see that it must have been last bell, we all ran, arriving panting, only to stand sometime by the north door — all eyes on us — and then have our right hands slapped with a ruler. Being quite small, I was let off from this, but my oldest sister who acted defiant and 'would not cry' had both hands slapped."

Mr. Bevans, who was the teacher who followed Mr. Wilcox instructing the older group of students on the second floor of the school, was the villain of one bitter memory recorded. Mr. Bevans was described as an "unfair brute." "Almost any female offense was pardoned, but even a minor male offense was cruelly disciplined by beating the offender in the classroom with a rawhide. Mr. W. D. Simonds, a good, fair teacher, and kind gentleman, supplanted Mr. Bevans after a year of his brutal school leadership, and publicly burned the rawhide. With Mr. Simonds, the modern methods of teaching entered our school."

Many of the prominent early settlers, such as Mr. Kettlestrings, Miss Steele, Mrs. Hull and Mr. Dow, taught at the school at one time or another. As the student enrollment increased, the permanent faculty was increased to three, Mr. and Mrs. S. Walton Fitch and Miss Knapp, and the physical classroom arrangement was also changed in order to offer more satisfactory schooling. Oak Park's first school was erected in 1855 and as it grew, it began to relieve some of the over-crowdedness of River Forest's first school and later, the Harlem School. The Harlem School continued to serve River Forest, Maywood, Forest Park, and the westernmost section of Oak Park until 1881 when River Forest was established as a separate district. At this time Harlem's School name was changed to the River Forest School and it was the only school in the new district #8 until 1889.

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God's house outgrew small home on Gale

By Eve Wiederhold

A century ago, when few churches were organized in newly incorporated River Forest, parishioners assembled in neighborhood homes and conducted "cottage prayer meetings," according to local historian Marge Shaw.

But as the population grew, so did the need for full-time ministers and chapels. Such was the case with the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest, founded 100 years ago by three couples who met for a social afternoon Jan. 1, 1887.

"They got to talking and decided River Forest, with a population of 800, was large enough to support a second protestant church — the first being the River Forest Methodist church," Shaw said.

The membership grew and the church expanded three times. An anniversary celebration will continue throughout this year, with a series of centennial services conducted by guest speakers. The anniversary's theme: "Out of the Past — Into the Future."

An elaborate needlepoint project was begun last January to coincide with the 100th birthday. Seven cushions, symbolically portraying the Presbyterian Church seal and highlighting Christ's life, were stitched and are now displayed behind the pulpit. Another three cushions illustrating the church's three buildings, stand behind the communion table.

Eleven women volunteered for the project, designed by Jacqueline A. Lang. They spent hours making 64,858 stitches in each cushion, said Bette Jordan, publicity manager.

THE CHURCH, WHOSE popularity is marked by community interest in a vacation Bible school and adult education classes that range from parenting and marriage to making moral choices, grew from modest origins.

Founding members weren't sure what denomination to adopt for the new church, Shaw said. They vacilated between the Congregational and Presbyterian faiths.

The latter was selected for a decidedly practical reason: the Presbyterian Church had money for a site in the village, while the other did not, she added.

A $300 grant was forwarded from the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions to build a church on the southwest corner of Gale Av. and Linden St., property owned by Mrs. Harriet Steele, widow of Ashbelle Steele, the first white settler in River Forest. A two-room wooden frame building was completed in July, 1887.

When a new church was constructed seven years later, the original building was occupied by the River Forest Women's Club, and then converted into a home. It still stands, albeit remodeled, at 230 Forest Av. The Raymond McCallum family, active members of the church,

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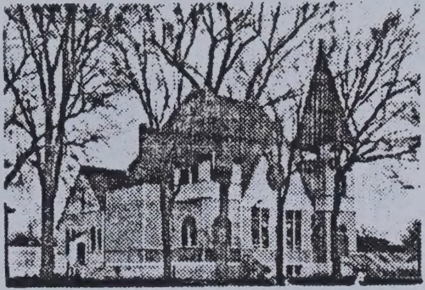
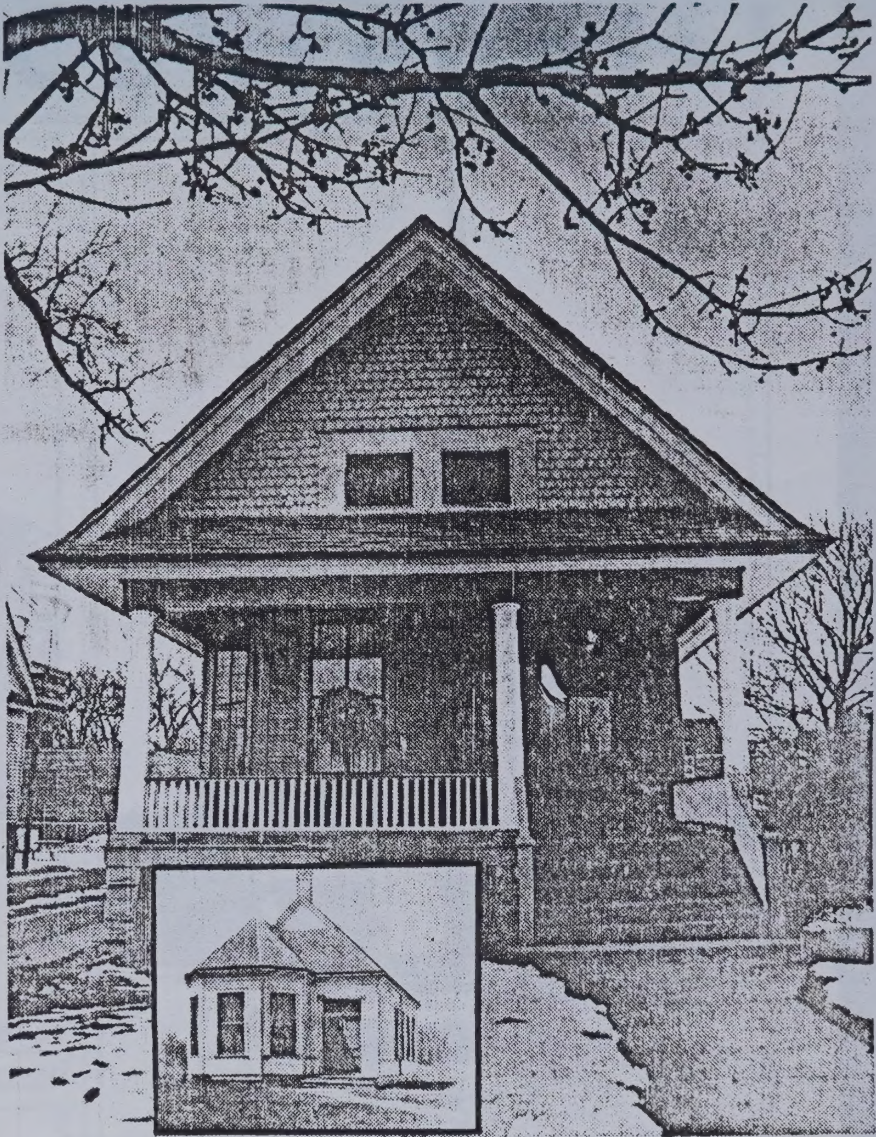
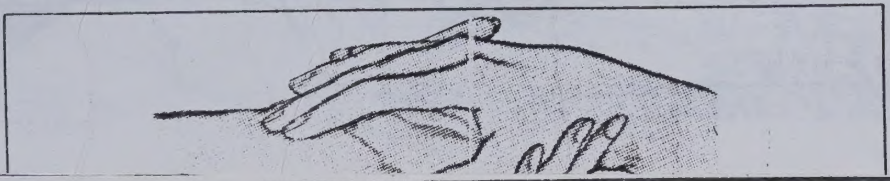




Above left, the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest building in the 1890s, the second building constructed after the congregation settled on a site. The very first church building (inset, right) was located at 230 Forest Av. and later converted into a home (right).



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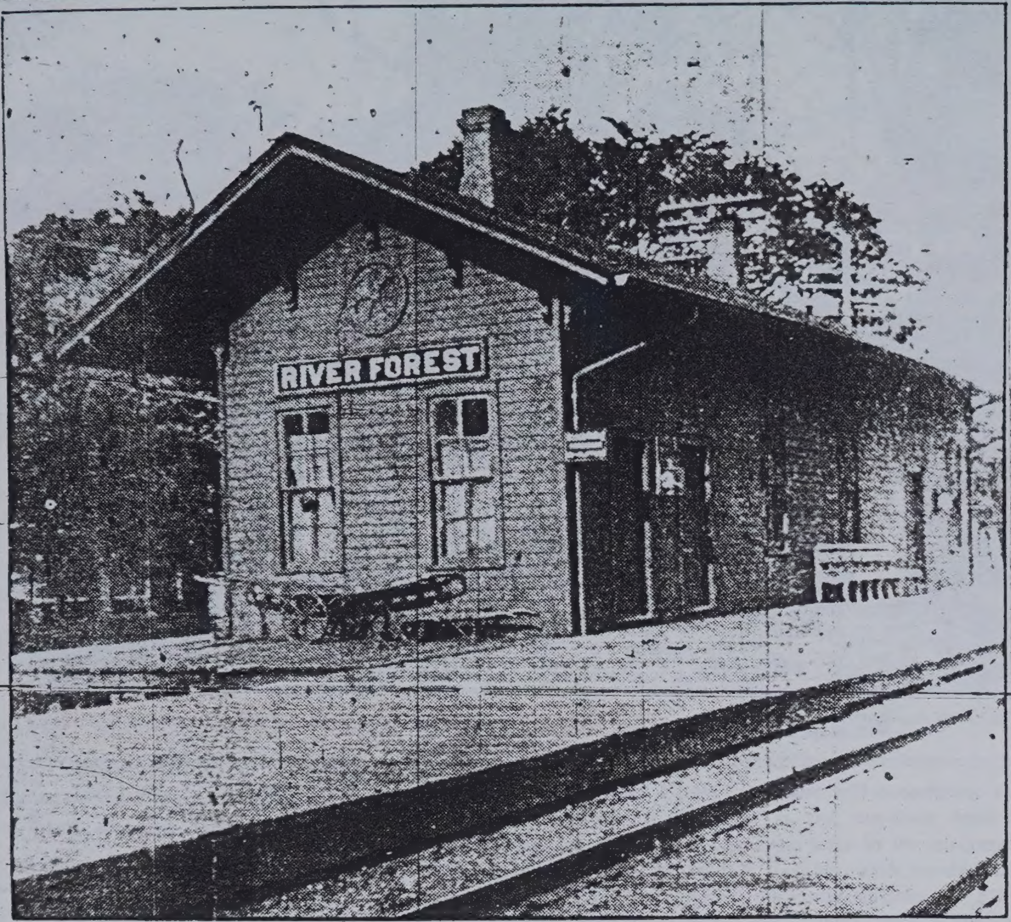

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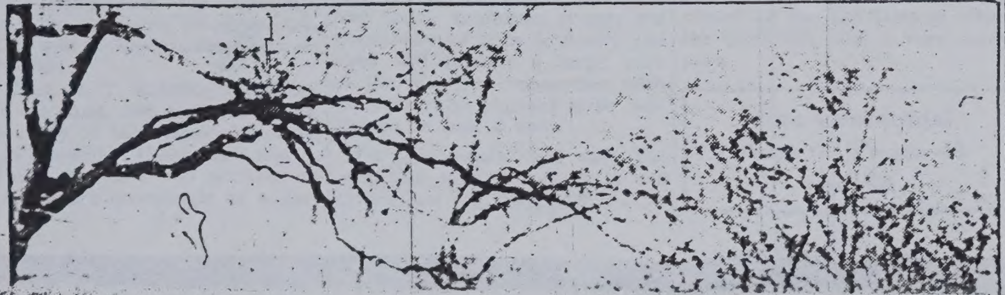

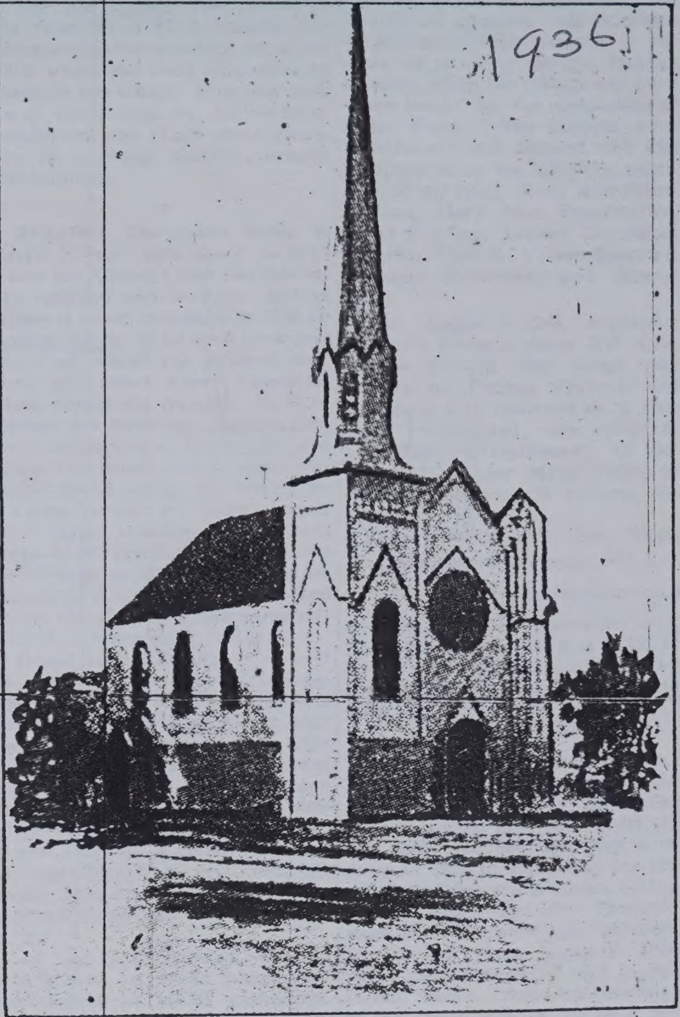
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First Methodist Church Built in 1874

(From a Print Owned by Roy F. Nix)

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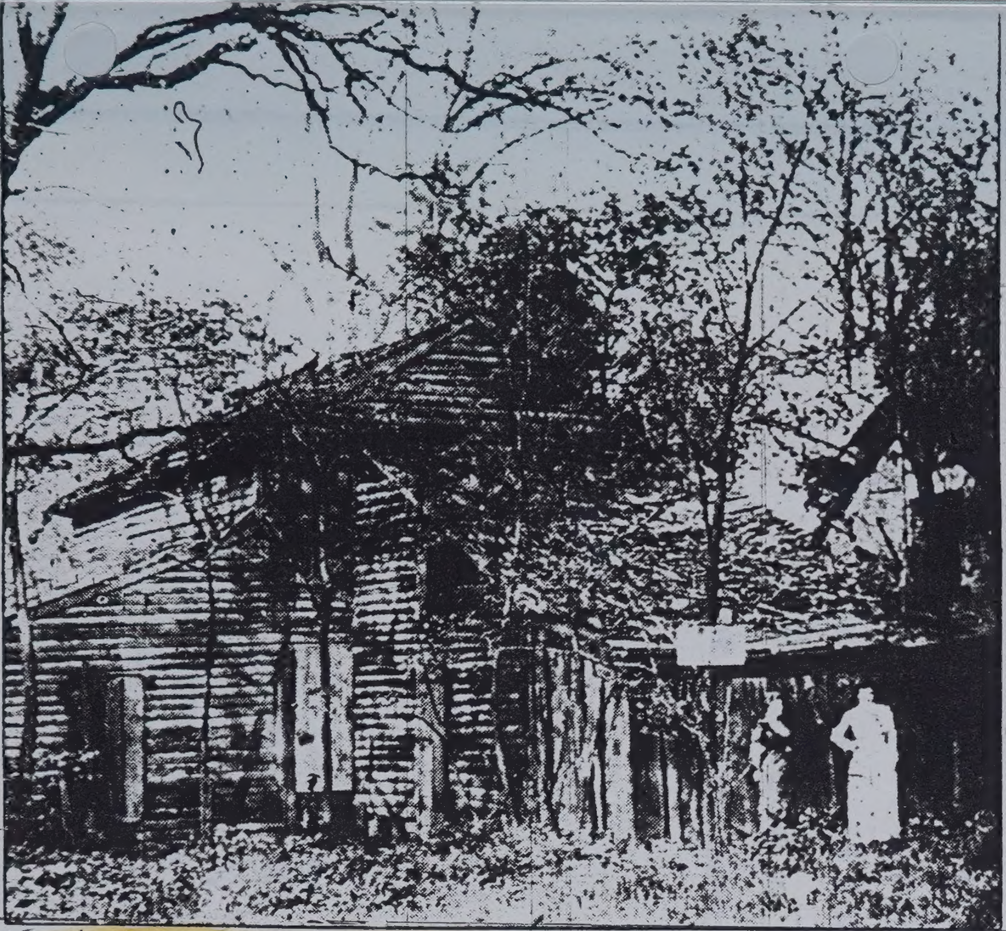

THE ASHBEL STEELE HOUSE BUILT IN 1836

(From a Photograph Hanging in Lincoln School)

Concordia Band Taking Part in the Centennial

Since its last concert a few weeks ago, the Concordia symphonic band has been rehearsing strenuously in preparation for the River Forest centennial programs. Concordia's field day Saturday, and the Lutheran education festival will be held at Concordia on Sunday.

Prof. R. T. Rohlfing, conductor of the band, and a composer particularly of band music, has written a special "Centennial" march, which the band will perform on Concordia's quadrangle as a part of the music festival on June 4. The band will also provide the music in the centennial program on May 30, in which Judge Roy F. Nix will speak; it will participate in the civic parade on June 1; it will play several selections on the program arranged by Concordia and Grace Lutheran church for the evening of June 1; finally, the band will furnish a large part of the music in connection with the centennial pageant to be performed on June 6 and 7.

On Concordia's field day, the band will give a concert in the gymnasium beginning at 6:00 Sunday; the band will accompany the singing in the out-door festival service, and later in the afternoon it will, together with bands from Lutheran congregations in Elmhurst and Austin, give a concert of a very interesting character. The public is cordially invited to attend all the activities in which the band will take a very active part.

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The old station was moved to the rear lot of E. J. Brooks, the veteran passenger conductor, about 1915 when the road was elevated through the village. It is now used as a work shop by the veteran conductor who takes great pleasure in showing visitors through the building.

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BELOW: The oldest house in River Forest, torn down in 1914 when the Chicago and Northwestern railroad took over the land on which it stood, was built in 1836 by Ashbel Steele in an open glade just south of where the railroad now runs and about where Edgewood place would cut through. Built of timber cut from Mr. Steele's own land and sawed at Bickerdike and Noble's sawmill just a short distance north along the river, the house was of the long, plain type common to the east from which the Steele family came to Chicago in 1833. Originally designed as a combination home and store, the old house had numerous quaint and charming features.

Broad beams decorated as well as supported the ceilings, hickory floors stood the hard wear of long years, fireplaces served not only for heat but cooking at first, keys were made by hand, and there was plenty of storage place in those times when a trip to lay in supplies they could not raise meant a real journey. A cellar took care of vegetables, fruit, preserves, salt meat, lard and pickles. Above it a store room housed seed, herbs, nuts.

As the years passed, the old house with its broad porch used for dances at social gatherings, became the center of almost a little feudal estate. A barn, chicken houses, smokehouse, toolhouse, pig pens, a couple of corncribs sprang up around it. To the northeast Mr. Steele built Montezuma hall, which he operated as an inn and tavern, and post office when he was postmaster of Noyesville, until he sold it for a dwelling in 1858. It was around this nucleus made by the first settler that River Forest grew up.

Rosary Co ge Open House Is Sunday Evening

A puppet-show presenting the history of costume will be given by Rosary college students in the class of costume design, Sunday evening, when the college will have "open house" for the community of River Forest. The puppets were constructed and dressed and will be operated by the following members of the class: Mary Ann Birmingham, Mary Jane Fitzmaurice, Ethel Fearing, Yvonne Dauphine, Virginia Howell, Verne Sturmer, Caroline Skidmore, and Jeanne Julin.

The puppet-models represent women's costume from 200 A.D., to the present. The script was written by Pauline Corbett, and the show was mounted on a specially constructed stage complete with lighting equipment, all designed by Sister Mary Felix, in charge of the class in costume design.

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RIGHT ABOVE: Members of the Thatcher family donated the ground for the first Methodist church erected in River Forest. It was built in 1874 and was torn down in 1912 to make way for the present edifice which stands on the ground given by Mr. Thatcher more than 60 years ago. Methodism in the village began in 1860 when those interested met in different homes. The first meetings of the group were in the little red school house on Lake street just east of Lathrop avenue. Later meetings were transferred to the Lincoln school building which still stands at Park and Lake. A picture of that building is shown on Oak Leaves cover this week.

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History of River Forest

CHAPTER ONE

Ashbel Steele, the First Settler

ASHBEL STEELE is credited with being the first permanent settler in what is now River Forest. Indians roved over the land for centuries, but in 1830 the Pottawatomies, the last tribe of Indians to inhabit this section, departed for western areas at the insistence of the white settlers who were drifting in, and who had established Fort Dearborn at the mouth of the Chicago river.

There were other white men ahead of Mr. Steele, but they had moved on. The establishment of a steam saw mill on the east bank of the Desplaines (then the Aux Plaines) river preceded Mr. Steele's coming in 1836 by five years. It belonged to a Chicago firm doing business under the name of Bickerdike & Noble, and later became the property of Mr. Steele and Theophilus Smith. A small house had been erected south of the mill which Mr. Steele purchased, but it was deserted when Mr. Steele arrived. The occupant had departed, without leaving his identity.

But Mr. Steele came to stay. That he was a man of importance is evidenced by the fact that he was coroner of the newly formed Cook County when he came here, and that two years later he was elected sheriff of the county, during which time he made his home in Chicago, where the county jail was located, and where a residence, in connection with the jail, was provided for the sheriff. This was on the northeast corner of what is now the court house square in Chicago; Clark and Randolph streets. He retained his official residence in River Forest during his incumbency of the sheriff's office, and when his term expired, resumed his activities in his newly adopted home. He was a builder by trade, and erected some of the early buildings in this vicinity, one of the last being the old "Harlem" school building, built in 1860, which still stands at Lake street and Park avenue.

Mr. Steele was of English descent, and was born in Derby, Ct., in 1794. He moved from there to Rochester, N. Y., in 1825, and two years later married Harriet Dawley. The furniture which they bought at the time of their marriage, including a piano, was brought to Chicago with them in 1833, and to River Forest in 1836. Mr. Steele rode from Rochester, N. Y., to Chicago on horseback, sending his family and household effects by boat. They arrived in Chicago on the same day.

The Steeles established their home in Chicago, where Mr. Steele bought land and erected a house, the first brick dwelling in Chicago. The records show that he bought real estate in Chicago in 1830. If this is correct, he must have purchased this before he came west, which is quite possible. He bought and sold other land at later dates. He was elected coroner on August 4, 1834, and was elected sheriff in 1840.

Mr. Steele lived in River Forest until his death in 1861. He was survived by his wife and nine children, seven of whom were daughters. One daughter died while young. The surviving children all married, and Ashbel had many descendants. A grandson, Sidney Steele, now resides at 1139 Lathrop avenue. He is a man of ability and is vice president of the Continental Can Company. Other grandchildren are scattered throughout the country, and several great grandchildren reside in River Forest. One of these is Robert Ligare, until recently engaged in business on Lake street.

The Steele homestead was comprised of 117½ acres, forty acres of which was on the west side of the river. Mr. Steele erected a commodious house, west of what is now Thatcher avenue and the Northwestern railway, which at first he used as a store as well as a dwelling. Lumber was obtained from the local saw mill. Later Mr. Steele moved his business to the Montezuma Hall, a large frame building which he had erected on the south side of Lake street, across the street from where the Methodist church now stands. Here he conducted a tavern, the post office, and a general store.

Mrs. Emma Robinson, a granddaughter who resides in Oak Park, describes him as "a slender man, about five feet ten inches, of the Uncle Sam type." She says he was jovial and kindhearted, but firm in a stand which he believed was right. This, she says, was often demonstrated while sheriff of this frontier county, and later in this community where his home was the center of much activity—business, social and political.

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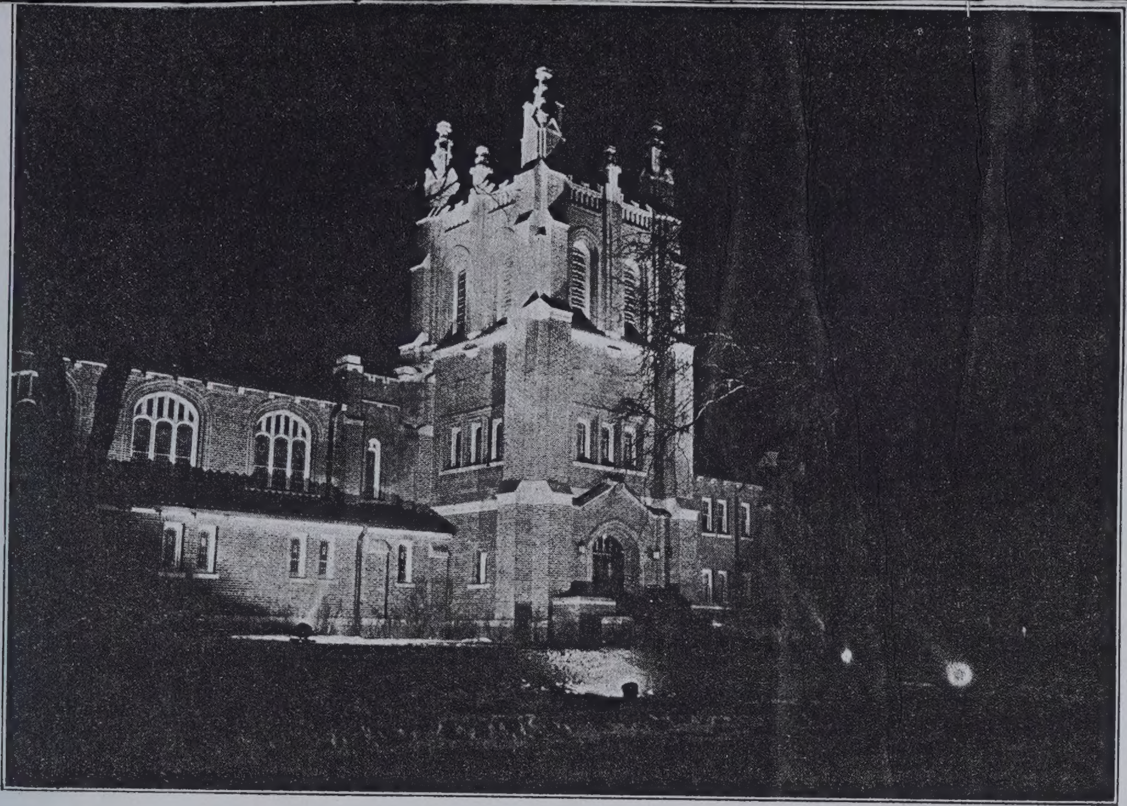


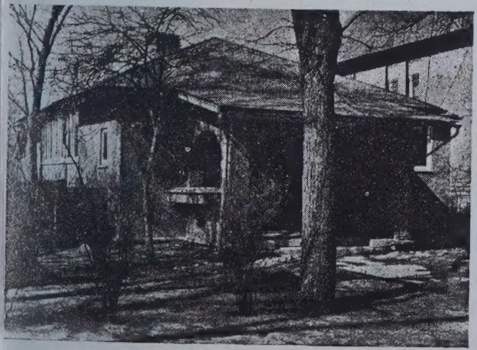
First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian church of River Forest was organized July 29, 1887, with the following charter members: Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Barnard, Mrs. Lottie E. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Coombs, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Day, Mrs. Cora Gale, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Hall, Mr. and Mrs. E. Marble, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Thompson, Miss Minnie Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Riddel, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Robbins.

Six pioneers of the community had met on January 1, of that year at the Charles C. Marble home and discussed plans for a church. On February 24, twenty-four citizens signed a compact of organization.

The first church building was a frame structure at Gale avenue and Linden street on a lot which belonged to Mrs. Harriet Steele, who gave the church free use of the lot for ten years.

Kenneth J. Duncan, a senior at McCormick Theological Seminary, was the first pastor, beginning his service December 14, 1887. After two years Mr. Duncan was succeeded by Rev. Walter H. Reynolds, who served as a supply for a time and was installed as pastor June 5, 1890. In November, 1895, the church accepted the offer of George E. Gertz of a lot at the southwest corner of Park and Oak avenues, with a frontage of seventy-five feet on Park avenue. They proceeded at once toward the erection of a church edifice there, which was first planned at a cost of $6,000, but which amount was increased to $10,000 before the building was completed. The cornerstone was laid May 6, 1894, and the dedicatory service was held November 25, 1894.



Original Church Edifice at Gale Avenue and Linden Street

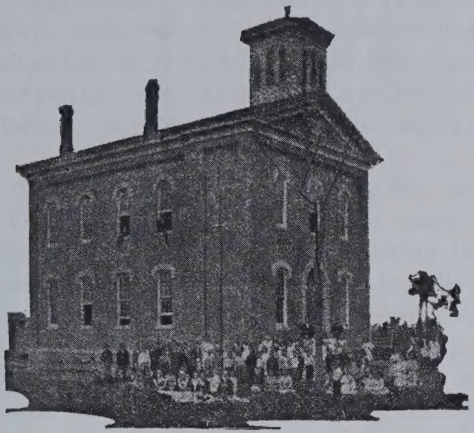
Mr. Reynolds resigned April 1, 1896, after seven years of service. In May he was succeeded by Rev. Joseph N. Boyd, who served as pastor untl November 1, 1899. On February 14, 1900, Rev. Wm. W. Johnstone was chosen as pastor. He remained eleven years, and on June 25, 1911, he was succeeded by Rev. C. Harmon Johnson, who resigned September 1, 1917.

Rev. C. K. Orsborn was elected pastor August 5, 1918, and remained seven years. It was during his pastorate that the congregation decided to erect the beautiful building which they occupy today. The site at Lathrop, Quick and Jackson avenues was purchased, plans were adopted and the building almost completed before Mr. Osborn resigned in August, 1925.

The church was without a regular pastor until October 17, 1926, when Rev. William H. Marbach accepted the call. The church was completed during Mr. Marbach's pastorate. He resigned January 1, 1930, and was succeeded by the present pastor, Dr. Clarence A. Spaulding, in September of that same year.

The land on which the church stands is located on the south side of Quick avenue with a frontage of four hundred feet. This land has been appraised at $100,000, and the church edifice cost $250,000. The present membership is approximately 800.

SCHOOLS-Public and Private Chapter four



River Forest's First Brick School House, Erected in 1859, and Still Standing at Lake Street and Park Avenue

SCHOOLS have been an important factor in the history of River Forest since the first little frame building was erected near Lake street in 1850 until today, when the village has four fine buildings devoted to elementary public schools; two elementary parochial schools; a parochial high school; an interest in three colleges and a magnificent township high school.

The school building erected in 1850 was only about twelve feet square, and its exact location is not known; but it evidenced an early demand for education in the community, and it was replaced one year later by a larger frame building which stood where St. Luke's church now stands, at the northwest corner of Lake street and Lathrop avenue.

The first building stood somewhere between Lake street and the Northwestern tracks, and between Lathrop avenue and Park avenue. The second building which served the community was moved soon after its erection to make room for the church, and was used for nine years. It still stands on the south side of Lake street, at 7571, a few doors east of Lathrop avenue.

The first brick building, called the Harlem school, still stands at the corner of Lake street and Park avenue, and is used today as a recreation center by the playground and recreation board and the park board. It was erected in 1859. Ashbel Steele was the contractor for that building, which was the largest and finest school building between Chicago and Elgin.

Harlem school served not only River Forest, but Maywood, Forest Park and Oak Park, or what is now those municipalities. It is a two-story building, and, in its day, was ample for the large territory which it served. It was the only school in River Forest until 1889, although River Forest was made a separate district in 1881. It was district No. 8, and its first directors elected that year were Charles E. Rose, H. L. McKallor and Jacob A. Cost. The school tax levy made that year was for $2,500, which was increased next year to $3,000.

River Forest school district was originally part of district No. 1, which comprised River Forest and Forest Park. Upon the separation of River Forest from Harlem, district No. 8 was organized out of the northern part of district No. 1.

The first part of what is now Lincoln school was erected in 1889. It stands just east of the first brick building on Lake street. An election was called that year to authorize the sale of the north part of the original lot, a piece of ground ninety by one hundred and ninety seven feet on Park avenue, and the purchase of a piece ninety by two hundred feet on Lake street, giving the district a frontage of 277 feet on Lake street. To this lot another ninety feet on the east was added in 1889. The grounds now extend to Franklin avenue.

This red-brick building with stone trim contained six rooms and was indeed a show place in the community. Trustees at that time were Solomon Thatcher, Jr., W. H. Vigus, and George W. Homer. The village was growing rapidly, and the school was soon considered too small, so that in 1893, an election was called to authorize an addition at a cost of $4,339. There were thirty-one votes cast at that election, and all were in favor of the proposal.

The addition was not built, however, until 1904, and it was bigger than the original building, and on the rear. It conformed as near as possible to the first building in color and materials. The cost was $20,000 instead of less than five thousand. In 1901, the number of the district was changed from eight to ninety-one. Lincoln school was further increased in size and modernized in 1923. It was at first called Central school, but the name was changed to Lincoln in 1916.

In 1899, River Forest joined with Oak Park to establish Oak Park and River Forest Township high school. There was some question about the legality of the action, and River Forest pupils did not attend the Oak Park school until 1900. Felix J. Griffen and James H. Heald were River Forest's representatives on the first high school board of education.

Oak Park has been using the building on Lake street at East avenue where the Catholic school now known as Bishop Quarter is now located, for a high school for eight years, before River Forest became part of the high school district. Although the high school began to serve both townships in 1900, it was not given the official name of Oak Park and River Forest Township high school until 1905.

There were legal proceedings that were in the courts for two years, with Mr. Griffen representing the school in the litigation which was carried to the supreme court, and which was decided in favor of the consolidation. Later, a law was passed by the state legislature legalizing the local school and other township high schools in the state, and providing for the further growth of township high schools in Illinois.

In 1906, when the enrollment had increased from 308 pupils the first year to 616, the high school was moved into a new building erected on the north side of Ontario street, between East and Scoville avenues, one block from the original location on Lake street.

Community Development Chapter five

Old North Western Depot

FROM the four-horse, cross-country Frink & Walker coaches of a century ago, to the modern high power gasoline bus of 1937, with steam trains and electric cars intervening, is the story of River Forest's public transportation facilities in the hundred-year period.

In the days of Ashbel Steele, Montezuma Inn, and Noyesville post office, Frink & Walker stage coaches came crashing into town with the driver cracking his whip over the heads of the leaders, and stretching them into a twelve-mile-an-hour gallop, bringing passengers and mail to the then frontier post. Today the greyhound buses, with a possible speed of eighty miles an hour skim over the smooth concrete that forms our highways, only restrained by state laws and local ordinances. For them River Forest is not even a stopping place, as they race across the continent, somewhat after the order of the old-time pony express.

River Forest was the first western terminus of the first railroad that was built into or out of Chicago, the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad. While the road was not built between Chicago and River Forest until 1849, it had its inception fourteen years earlier. The financial panic of 1837 made it impossible to raise the required money. This railroad was the beginning of what afterward became the great Chicago & North Western railroad system of today.

Chicago and North Western

On January 10, 1836, the year Ashbel Steele came to River Forest, the Galena & Chicago Railroad was incorporated by a special charter authorized by the state legislature of Illinois. Among the incorporators were Theophilus W. Smith, owner of large acreage in what is now River Forest. Judge Smith was president of the company until November 29, 1837, and was succeeded by Elijah K. Hubbard, who held eight eighty-acre tracts of land here, receiving the grant direct from the government in 1835.

The preliminary survey between Chicago and River Forest was started in the Spring of 1837 by James Seymour who came west from the Erie railroad for that purpose. It began "at the foot of North Dearborn street in Chicago due west to the Desplaines river." Frederick A. Nash who worked on the survey, said: "Much of the time we waded in water waist deep. The high grass where the fire had not swept over it required four feet stakes."

Between 1845 and 1847 there was a new set-up for the proposed railroad, which eliminated Judge Smith and Mr. Hubbard, brought in many new men, and gave them an amended charter which provided for a capital stock of one million dollars.

In 1847, construction was started from the Chicago end, and in 1848, it was completed through River Forest, with trains starting in January, 1849. The local stop was called Harlem, and was somewhere near the present freight depot. For the convenience of settlers living in the west part of this community, a make-shift station, which was really nothing but a big box, was located west of what is now Thatcher avenue. This station was called Thatcher, and its establishment was said to have been an inducement to David Cunningham Thatcher to locate here. He was a wealthy Chicago merchant at the time. He came here in 1854, so "Thatcher" station must have been established after that.

Later, residents of Oak Park succeeded in having the other station moved further east to Wisconsin

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Chicago & North Western Station and Tracks in River Forest in 1937

was established under Postmaster Hull, whose xtended from 1889 to 1894.

1905, the United States government erected a g at the northeast corner of Lake street and Oak venue, to serve Oak Park, River Forest and Park. A branch office was started in Forest nd on March 1, 1927, a branch office was estab- in River Forest. This is located on the south Lake street, west of Park avenue.

1931, congress appropriated money for a new fice building to serve Oak Park and River Forest; ilding erected in 1905, although since almost l in size, being by far inadequate to present-day needs. A site was purchased at the southwest corner of Lake street and Kenilworth avenue, and three old-time residences were razed to make room for the new building.

Plans were made for a fine, large building, and a contract was awarded on November 11, 1932, the building to be completed the following year. The contractor became involved in financial difficulties, and work was halted for a long period. A new contract was awarded; an additional appropriation secured after some delay, and the building was completed and dedicated late in 1936. It is one of the finest post office buildings to be found anywhere.

Village Board Meetings

he first meeting of the village board was held in rth Western depot, where the election took place, ter that a few meetings were held in the old house at Lake street and Park avenue.

he next place of meeting was on the third floor of building located at what is now 7971 Lake street. must have been a new building then, and was ly the only three-story building in River Forest. p story was removed a few years ago, by a new This room was furnished suitably for use by llage, which needed no place except for board gs, as there were no paid employes who needed space. This room was used for about nine years, il 1890.

rom 1890 until 1893, the board meetings were held in the school house, and by that time the water works building on Central avenue, near Park avenue had been erected, and the meetings were held there in a room on the ground floor, where the police station is now located. This was the meeting place for fourteen years.

In 1907, the board began meeting in what was then called the village hall, which had been erected in 1902, and at first stood where the rock garden now stands, between the fire station and the present village hall. This building was really an assembly hall, and was used by various organizations in the village. When the water works system was installed in 1890, it was moved to its present location, and when the present village hall was erected in 1910, it was converted into a fire station, with an upper floor to be used as an apartment for the fire chief.

First Land Owners in River Forest

and that now comprises the village of River For- as "entered" by settlers who secured it from the nment in the years 1835 and 1836. This is all in hip 39, north, and is located in sections one and which extend from Chicago avenue to North ave- nd sections 11 and 12, which lie between Chicago e and Madison street. The east half of section e is now part of Forest Park. Sections two and n extend west from Thatcher avenue, and hence at portion of this land is now either in forest pre- or lies west of the river. A section of land is a square, and it was ceded by the government in r sections.

ection one is the only section entirely within the ge of River Forest. In this section Elijah K. Hub- had four eighth sections which he secured on 25, 1835. This comprised all of the southeast ter and half of the northeast and southwest quar- making him the owner of 320 acres bounded by is now Harlem, North, Park and Chicago avenues. rest of the section had four owners, all securing land on the same day as Mr. Hubbard. George E. ker had the east half of the northwest quarter. ge Bickerdike, one of the original owners of the saw mill, had the west half of the southwest ter. Cornelia Miller had the west half of the north- quarter, and John B. Newhall had the east half he northeast quarter.

John Brown owned the northeast quarter of section two, only about one-fourth of which is east of the river. Alexander Lafrombois had the east half of the southeast quarter which is all in River Forest, and Sharlan Decant had the west half, which is nearly all in River Forest, the river running through the corner of his land. Elijah Hubbard, James Rees and George Davis, owned the remainder of that section west of the river.

George Bickerdike had the northeast quarter of section eleven, nearly all of which is east of the river. This was undoubtedly the land on which the saw mill was located. It was part of this land that David Cunningham Thatcher later secured. The southeast quarter went to Joseph Mush, and it was part of this land that Ashbel Steele secured a year later.

The west half of section twelve is in River Forest, the east part being now in Forest Park. Mr. Bickerdike owned the eighty acres just east of Thatcher avenue, the west half of the northwest quarter. Peter Bolles had the adjoining eighty acres to the east. Geo. W. P. Maxwell had the 160 acres now bounded by Hawthorne street, Lathrop and Thatcher avenue and Madison street.

From the foregoing information, anyone now holding a deed to real estate in River Forest, should be able to tell who was the original owner.

Early Business and Industry

While River Forest has never become marked as ommercial nor industrial center, its career in this pect dates back more than 100 years. The first ustry was a steam saw-mill, on the east bank of the plaines river, approximately half a mile north of at is now Lake street. This was established in 1831.

The owners of this early mill were John B. Noble l George Bickerdike, doing business under the firm ne of Noble & Bickerdike. Early history records se two men were residents of Jefferson township, k county, now part of Chicago.

Joseph Kettlestrings, Oak Park's first settler, was riend of George Bickerdike, back in England, from ich both had migrated. When Kettlestrings came to k Park in 1833, he was given employment at the ll, and Mrs. Kettlestrings boarded the mill hands. is continued for two years, when Kettlestrings is d to have acquired an interest in the mill.

Ashbel Steele secured the lumber there for the ction of his house here in 1836. Mr. Steele and eophilus W. Smith afterward bought the mill, and it s operated under the name of Steele & Smith.

Ashbel Steele was the first merchant, conducting store in his residence at first, and later at Montema hall on what is now Lake street, opposite the sent site of the Methodist church.

Another local industry of early days was the Bellger brick yard located just south of where the Hostess ke plant is now located, Lake street and Jackson enue. It is said that the brick used in erecting, in 59, the school building at what it now Lake street d Park avenue, were made at the local brick yard. us, Ashbel Steele, the early builder in this community, was able to secure his lumber from the local ill, and his brick from the local brick yard, which as operated only four or five years. The clay pit as afterward used as a wading pool.

Late in the fifties, George B. Davis purchased from C. Thatcher forty acres along Keystone avenue tween Lake street and Chicago avenue. There he tablished a fruit farm and a greenhouse for the growg of exotic grapes and other fruits. He carried on is business for a number of years, until the land beme too valuable for such purposes, and it was sold r building lots. Some of the fruit trees may still be und there, or were in quite recent years bearing fruit r the home owners.

John Henry Quick built the Harlem House, River orest's first hotel, on Railroad avenue, now Central enue, opposite the Harlem depot, in 1856.

William Archdeacon established a drug store on ailroad avenue two blocks west of Harlem avenue. his building was later moved to Lake street and used a tavern.

Christian Schlund conducted a meat market on ake street near Harlem avenue in 1863.

Soon after Mr. Quick erected his hotel, Israel eller erected a store building at Lake and Wilam streets, and conducted a store there with his sister, Kate Pattock. Mrs. Pattock married William Steiner and continued in business for herself for a number of years.

George Voras started a store at 89 Lake street in 1866. This building is still standing between Clinton and William streets. John Wolf, member of the first fire department and now a manufacturer of sauer kraut at Burlington, Wis., was one of Voras' clerks. His was known as a grocery and feed store. He continued in business until 1902.

Henry Haertel, who laid out Concordia and Waldheim cemeteries in Forest Park, established a greenhouse and monument business in River Forest about 1878, and continued it until 1901 on the north side of Madison street between Gale and Keystone avenues. One of his sons, Theodore, is now conducting a monument business at the northwest corner of Madison street and Gale avenue.

Frank Troost established the business at the present Haertel location in 1873, and a son carried it on until about ten years ago, when it passed into the hands of the Anderton Monument Co., for whom Theodore Haertel managed the business for two years, before taking it over on January 1, of this year.

Paul Maier, a stone cutter, acquired some property in the same block with the first Haertel business and established a small store there in front of his residence. He continued until 1910, when he sold his property for a reported price of $5,000 and decided to return to Switzerland, his native land, carrying his money in a belt. Some say that he never got out of Chicago with the money, and there is no record of his ever arriving in Switzerland, having died enroute, or before starting.

In 1885, the McDonald Lumber Co., having a wholesale lumber business at Kinzie street and the river in Chicago, established a yard in River Forest for the sale of lumber and other building materials. Acors W. Rathbun was placed in charge of the business here, which was located on the east side of the Soo line tracks between Lake street and Oak avenue.

Three years later, Oliver M. Barr, a young man from Aurora, joined with Mr. Rathbun, and bought the local business from the McDonald Co. Mr. Rathbun and Mr. Barr had been schoolmates in Aurora, and were distant relatives. The firm name was Rathbun & Barr. In 1890, another young man from Aurora, Cyrus C. Collins, who had also been a schoolmate of the Messrs. Rathbun and Barr, purchased the former's interest in the business and the firm of Barr & Collins was formed. A coal yard was added, north of Oak street.

The Soo line tracks were then on trestles, but they were later filled in with dirt and gravel, narrowing the railroad ground available for the lumber and coal yards. Even then there was a sentiment against commerce in River Forest, and Barr & Collins decided to move. They purchased the business of the Oak Park Lumber Co., of which August Einfeldt, father of the present August Einfeldt, was the head. This business was located on the south side of the Northwestern tracks

Population of River Forest

r Forest's population has increased steadily first settlers arrived. Prior to incorporation, no definite date, and the federal census figures only to 1900.

ap of the community in 1861 showed ten land- but this is no definite indication. One piece of ght have furnished homes for several families, other piece might have been vacant. Even the ttendance or registration is misleading, as part ime the local school served surrounding terri- d part of the time not all of River Forest was in the local district.

The state law required the village to have at least 100 inhabitants when it incorporated, but it undoubtedly had at least several hundred. It is known that the 1,000 mark had been reached by 1894, as then the community was permitted to supplant its school directors with a board of education, and a population of 1,000 is required for the purpose.

The federal census supplies the following figures beginning with 1,539 in 1900; 2,456 in 1910; 4,358 in 1920, and 8,829 in 1930. The large number of houses erected during the past two years indicates a growth that should reach above 10,000.

Political Honors

umber of citizens of River Forest have had high honors confered upon them by the state, dis- d county. This began more than 100 years ago, shbel Steele, who had already been coroner of ounty, was elected from River Forest to the sheriff of Cook county. And even before that, ilus Washington Smith, one of the early land- and residents, was elected a judge of the Illinois e court, in the year, 1825, from the southern the state.

ward F. Dunne was the next to be honored from Forest. He was elected a judge of the circuit of Cook County while a resident here. Later, after having moved to Chicago, he was made mayor of Chicago, and later governor of Illinois.

Joseph Carolan served as a commissioner of Cook county for twenty years, and after his passing his son, Penn, served on the county board for four years.

Miss Mary Bartelme, after serving as assistant judge, served two terms as judge of the juvenile court of Cook county.

Otto Kerner is now attorney general of Illinois, serving his second term, after having been elected and and serving as a circuit judge of Cook county.

Charles F. Baumrucker is now serving as state senator from this district.

All of these people appear in biographical sketches elsewhere in this book.

Telephones

lephone service was established in River Forest er 20, 1893, when the first phone was placed in ore of J. M. Chambers & Sons. Twelve years there were 256 phones in River Forest, and in there are 3,129 phones here, an average of about nd one-half phones to each family. Of course of them are business phones, but the percentage mes in River Forest without phones is small. The any was called the Chicago Telephone Company the service began here, and in December, 1920, ame was changed to Illinois Telephone Company. local service is through the Oak Park exchange, h serves River Forest, Forest Park and Oak Park, a total of 25,973 phones. Allen T. Eddy is gen- manager of the local exchange.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

The office of commissioner of public works was ed by the village board in 1927, and George W. er was appointed to the office by President Mol- p. Mr. Foster held the office until 1931. when he succeeded by William H. French, under President mrucker. He served two years, and was then suc- ed by Arthur Pochert in 1933. Mr. Pochert has inued in office and was reappointed in 1937 by sident Brink.

Other Pioneers

AUGUSTIN PORTER served this community at an early date as justice of the peace. He lived in a brick house erected in 1860 on Railroad avenue, now Central avenue, near Bonnie Brae, and held court in a small building in the rear which was called "Porter's Court House."

Mr. Porter was born August 20, 1797, in Pompeu, Onondago county, New York. He came to Illinois in 1835, walking nearly all the way, and returned to fetch his family. He spent some time in Chicago and then located in DuPage county. He later bought a farm in Proviso township, and from there moved to Harlem in 1860.

His wife was Phoebe Maria Keeney, a woman of marked ability, and the late Mrs. Elizabeth Porter Furbeck, a well-known Oak Park woman of later years, was their daughter.

AMOS SQUIRE PACK, a native of Morristown, N. J., came to this locality in 1860, and served as postmaster of Noyesville from 1865 to 1871. He died in 1882, in his seventy-third year. He was senior warden in Christ Episcopal church, and the first senior warden of Grace Episcopal church of Oak Park. He was the last postmaster to serve while the office was named Noyesville.

Other Early Settlers

River Forest profited by its proximity to Chicago even in its early day. This was evidenced by the coming of Ashbel Steele, and his successors, most of whom came from Chicago, attracted by the beautiful topography, and the stream which bordered on the west. It was also on one of the leading highways to the west in that early day.

Among those early neighbors of Ashbel Steele, were some exceptions to this rule. These included Henry Quick and his son, John Henry, who came here from Harlem, New York, in the early fifties, and gave the name of Harlem to this section. The senior Mr. Quick purchased a large tract of land on the west side of the section road which he afterward named Harlem avenue. In 1856, he sent his son here to develop it.

The son remained, building a fine home on Lake street, one block west of Harlem avenue, and other dwellings on Quick avenue. He gave the original names to all the streets directly west of Harlem avenue, but most of them have been changed. William street was named for one of his sons, while other streets were given family names. Mr. Quick sold his land here, piece by piece, the last acreage which was on Madison street going to Concordia cemetery about ten years ago. He had in the meantime moved to Chicago to reside.

THEOPHILUS WASHINGTON SMITH was one of the early landholders in what is now River Forest. He at one time owned 320 acres of land along the Desplaines river, which he must have purchased soon after it was entered in 1835. He died May 6, 1846. He was at one time a justice of the supreme court of Illinois, and was the first president of the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad Co., now the Chicago & Northwestern.

Judge Smith was born in New York, September 28, 1784. He served in the United States navy, and studied law in the office of Aaron Burr. He was admitted to the bar in 1805. He came west in 1816, locating in Illinois at Edwardsville. He was an unsuccessful candidate for attorney general in 1820, and served in the state senate from 1822 to 1826. He was a leader in a movement to legalize slavery in Illinois, and was for a time editor of a pro-slavery newspaper at Edwardsville. He was a member of the first board of commissioners of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and was a quartermaster on the governor's staff during the Black Hawk war.

In 1825, he was elected an associate judge of the supreme court and served until he resigned on December 28, 1842, after a stormy period of service. In 1833, the house of representatives voted articles of impeachment against him, and his trial ended in a negative acquital. Twelve senators voted him guilty; ten voted him innocent, and four were excused from voting. A two-thirds vote was necessary for impeachment.
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through River Forest, three years after his death.
was the first president of the company, serving
than a year. In 1840 he was a candidate for corone
Cook County.

REUBEN WHAPLES was another pioneer
came from the east (Connecticut), where he was bor
1800, to Chicago, later locating in River Forest,
building a large log cabin at the southwest corne
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the Wieboldt company has erected their great de
ment store building. Mr. Whaples came to Chicag
1838. He purchased a farm in DuPage county,
Elgin, and lived there a short time. He then came
Proviso township farm, where his home was destr
by a great wind on April 21, 1845. He then ca
what was then called Kettlestring's Grove, and buil
log house referred to. He sold this property to
Quick, and went to a farm near Udina in Kane co
Selling out there, he returned to this section, and
bought some Kettlestring land on the south side of
street, in what is now Oak Park, east of the Pres
ian church. There he resided until his death in
His progeny included many well-known Oak
people—Hulls, Furbecks, Kettlestrings, Topes, Her
and others. Mr. Whaples was a tinner by trade
natural land speculator.

DAVID CUNNINGHAM THATCHER, a C
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woods in forest preserve.

Mr. Thatcher left many descendants, who w
are important factors in the growth and devel
of the community. The old home stands now
Edgewood place, where it was later moved,
occupied by two granddaughters, Mrs. C. A.
and Mrs. Vernon Wright. His sons and grand
have helped make River Forest what it is toda

David Cunningham Thatcher had three son
daughter—William, who was killed in the ci
George, who became a prominent attorney; D
who became a contractor and Clara, who beca

lection. It attracted large crowds each evening and its praises were many and effusive.

In the presentation of the pageant, and in all of its activities, the Centennial committee had the benefit of the advice and active participation of Captain Jack Riley of the public relations committee of Public Service Company, who devoted a full month of his time to making the celebration the smoothly operating entertainment that it proved to be.

Three hundred and fifty men and women took part in the pageant, and, while all were amateurs, they acted like professionals.

Jack Crawford, teacher of dramatics at Rosary college, and co-chairman of the program committee, was narrator, and his voice carried the story to every one in the large audiences, pleasingly and clearly.

From the time the first Indian pranced across the stage in "1673" as scout for the tribe which later conferred with Father Marquette and Joliet, missionary priests, who came up the Aux Plaines river on their way to Chicago and Lake Michigan, until the grand finale, there was not a dull moment.

The arrival of Ashbel Steele and his family in 1836; the coming of the Mr. Kettlestrings and "hands" from Bickerdike and Nobles's saw mill on the banks of the river half a mile to the south; the Steele tavern erected in 1846, with the coming of the mail coach, the bar, and the dance; a Sunday evening service in the school house in 1861, and the departure of the civil war soldiers were all intensely interesting.

The village election scene in 1880 was vividly portrayed, and the parade was an exciting event. School days was well done, and the Thatcher ball showed how the young people of today looked in clothes of 1900, and how they performed the dances of thirty-seven years ago.

The marching of the soldiers leaving for the world war in 1917 was a spectacular episode, and the grand finale with all who had parts in the various episodes on the stage at one time was indeed beautiful.

Elevated Railway Post, American Legion, contributed largely to the success of the pageant by participating in the two war scenes with their drum and bugle corps which is famous throughout the Chicago area.

The following persons had parts in the pageant:

Indian Scene—Father Young, Marquette; W. A. Holt, Joliet; P. L. Emerson, Old Chief; J. A. Doyle, Medicine Man; Mrs. W. A. Schram, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Arndt, Gretchen Schram, Dorothy Meline, Marjorie Hood, Nancy E. Gilroy, Nellie Williams, Beverly Johnson, Theresa Holt, Betty Markward, Peggy Collins, Cynthia Hall, Nancy Nicoll.

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Coming of Steele Family—Mrs. Earl Balfour, Mrs. Steele; Earl Balfour, Mr. Steele; Marion Bromann, Caroline Kniep; Patricia Francis and Barbara Schultz, daughters; Ed. Morse O'Brien, Frank W. Heintzen, Clemens B. Brose, Albert C. Menges, Walter Muehl, F. E. Crabtree, E. K. Eckert, Elroy Venzke, Jack Williams, Hilmar Sieving.

Tavern Scene — Mrs. W. M. Moran, Mrs. Frank Cheske, Mrs. W. M. Moran, Joseph Rossman, and Dick Lang, travelers; Mrs. Stella Kohl, Mrs. Steele; Steele daughters, Mary O'Neill, Joan Morand, Patsy Morand, Mary Elizabeth Grady, Marion Swiney, Virgi Patricia Kohl, W. M. Meran.

Martin Grady, Jack Kinnaire, Antony Robert Mohler, Ray Hopkins, Marion McMu E. E. Swiney, Frank W. Laatz, James Hawle Picchietti, A. J. Walz, Louise Toren, Isabel Robert McCall, George Bauschbach, Walter

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Incorporation Scene — M. Schmitt, N. Krueckeberg, C. Halter, H. Mroch, E. Finke, ler, W. Weber, H. Bloch, F. Lietz, Schill Meyermann, R. Young, L. Kolander, H. Ge Lovekamp, K. Rode, Mr. Bleke, A. Plass, P. Glawe, V. Bickel, L. Barnoske, V. Krause man, G. Neubauer, H. Bacon, G. Grunze, H. Frey, O. Dargatz, R. Demske, A. Maves, C. Z Rohlwing, E. Wunderlich, N. Venz, R. Woehlke, E. Selke, J. Albrecht, L. Zeddie Kuhlman, Ethel Kuhlman, Harriet Diehl, scher, Ruth Lussow, Adeline Schreiner Schreiner, Esther O'Neil.

Thatcher Ball — Louise McCoy, Al B Boyer, Rita Cahill, Betty Cline, Eleanor Coll Conway, Yvonne Dauphine, Katherine Dwy Hahn, Georgia Hammel, Jane Morrison, meyer, Mary Irene O'Connor, Allene Quigle Nelle Quigles, Florence Sennott, Katheri Clare Whitman, Raymond Costello, James John De Moss, Robert De Moss, Henry Doe Doody, William Fogarty, Thomas Host Kreml, George Mathers, Robert McCabe, Laughlin, Roger Miller, Richard Morriss Mullen, James O'Keefe, William O'Neill, Ryan, June Boyer.

Church Service in 1861—Mr. Drummon B. Prout, Jane Prout, Hazel Graham, Iren Mrs. Wanderer, Mrs. A. Bromann, Mrs. Sh Probst, Mrs. Kniep, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Leland, Mrs. Schmidtz, Mrs. Welch, Mis Miss Howser, Mrs. Tash, Mrs. Seegar, M A. Bromann, Mr. Probst, Mr. Shubert, M Dick Swanfield, Bernie Lynch, Guy Kluppi Brasfield, Chas. Jenkins, Orville Jenkins, ritt, Joseph Cahill, Frank Carqueville, Dick Conaha, Wm. St. Bernard, Mr. McCu Lynch.

School Convocation — Mr. and Mrs. Mr, and Mrs. Wagonseller, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. P. W. Hazelton, Elizabeth O'H Tegerdine, Rose Tegerdine, John Duff.

Carolyn Swett, Lois O'Brien, Annette Bremer, Lillianbain Stuckey, Mary Jeann Betty Lou Schultz, Judy Pope, Ann Hamil Mertz, Rosalie Shannon, Ann Richmond, D ler, Jeane Carqueville, Audrey Schroeder, rucker, Jeannette Geyer, Joan Treeman, Louise Burno, Gladys Cahill, Lorraine Ha

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Paul Shay, Dana Richardson, Warren W. Schultz, Jr., John Danly, Paul Ma Thompson, Mary Pilgrim.

George Wilson Shearburn, born in Yorkshire, England, March 25, 1848, came to River Forest to reside in 1884, and remained here until his death in 1918. He came, as a boy, with his parents to this country and resided on farms at Quincy and Mendota, in this state. He came to Chicago in 1880, to Oak Park in 1882, and in 1884 to River Forest living on Grove avenue (now Keystone) near Washington boulevard. He married Elizabeth Gibson in 1878. Mr. Shearburn was with the exception of two years, village clerk from 1888 until 1900. He was in the employ of the North Western railroad for forty years, retiring on a pension in 1918.

Chris Schlund, village treasurer in 1891 and 1892, conducted a meat market at the southwest corner of Lake street and Harlem avenue, at an early day.

William J. Schreiner was a resident of River Forest for thirty-eight years. His home was at 620 Franklin avenue, where his widow now resides. He was a director of River Forest State bank, and president of the board of River Forest Presbyterian church. One son, Harold, was killed in the world war. Warren W., is a son, and a third son, Herbert W., lives in Mt. Prospect. Harold died in France, of wounds received in the Argonne.

Charles M. Schroeder, born in Germany in 1854, came to this country at the age of twenty-one, and to River Forest from Chicago in 1897. He built a house at 823 Keystone avenue, and occupied it until his death. He had a meat market on Milwaukee avenue in Chicago, and later on Lake street near Austin boulevard. He was a director of First National bank of Oak Park. He was killed by a Lake street car at Keystone avenue in 1921.

Joseph T. Scott, 310 Franklin avenue, has been a resident of River Forest since 1902. He was born in Chicago, September 27, 1872, where he grew up and continued to reside until he came here. He married Miss Mary Hogan in 1897, and they have ten children. Mr. Scott served the village as a trustee in 1926 and 1927.

Frank H. Shaw, president of the village from 1927 to 1931, came to River Forest to reside in 1919, and remained here until his death in July, 1934. His home was at 711 Thatcher avenue, where his widow still resides. Mr. Shaw was born in DesMoines, Iowa, July 20, 1870. When a young man, he went west, and was at Spokane, Wash., for twenty-five years; later was located in St. Paul, and in 1919, came to Chicago to be associated with the Ft. Dearborn bank. He was later associated with a bond house in LaSalle street.

Frank C. Smith, who served as village trustee in 1893, and on the board of eduucation in 1901 and 1902, was in the employ of E. C. Waller in the real estate office. His home was at 230 Gale avenue. His death occurred in 1917.

George Steele, younger son and youngest child of Ashbel Steele, first settler of River Forest, was born here in 1848. He remained a bachelor, and occupied the old homestead here for sixty years. Later he moved to Maywood, where he died in September, 1927
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Henry Struble was a leading citizen in River
est from the time he came here in 1887 until his
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ried him. Mr. Struble was active in Masonry
member of River Forest lodge, A.F. & A.M. His
at the time of his death was at 727 Jackson a
Prior to that he had lived on Forest avenue, near
street. Mrs. Struble, who survived him, has sin
sided in Oak Park. Her home is at 223 S. Oak
avenue. She was active in the social life of the
munity, while she resided in River Forest.

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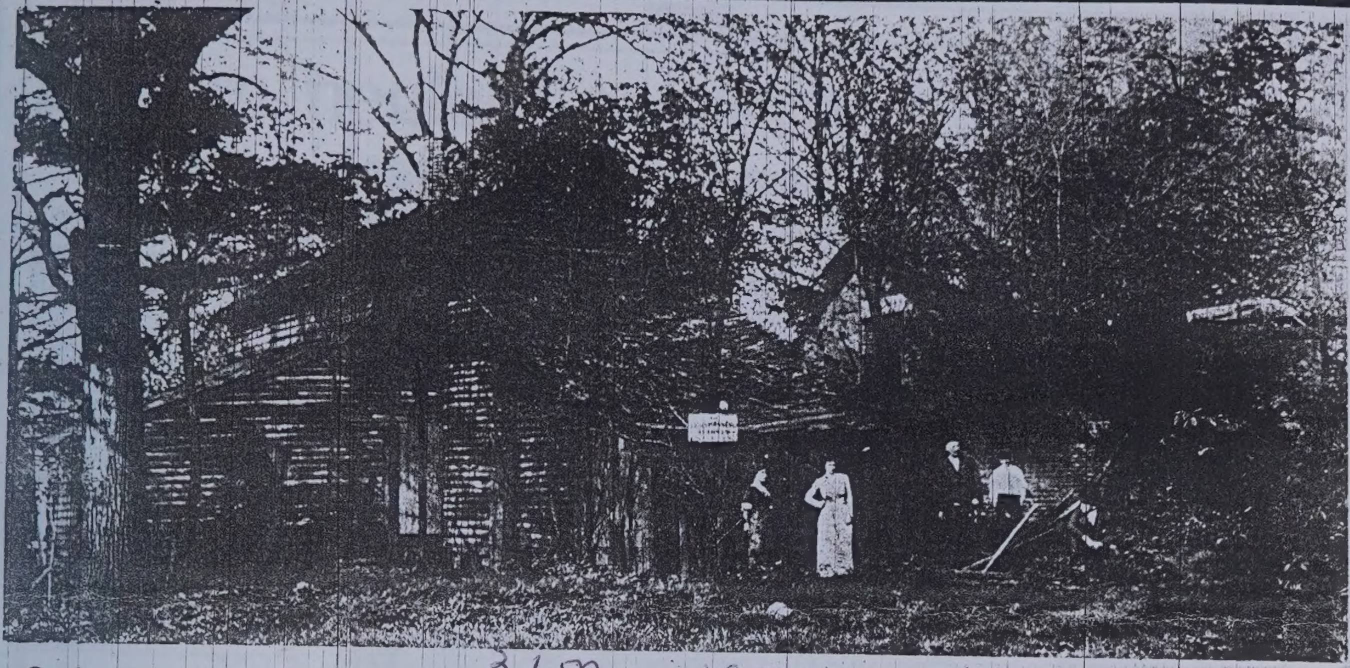

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Oak Leaves

First home in villages spotted

By ISABEL WASSON
and DIANE BARRINGTON

The photograph shows the first house in River Forest, perhaps the first real one in either village. Built by Ashbel Steele in 1837, it was located near the Chicago and North Western railroad tracks, west of Thatcher Av. in the present Forest preserve.

Earlier small frame houses had been built near the Bickerdike Sawmill, but they were used only temporarily by the mill hands.

THE ASHBEL STEELE house may have predated any house in Oak Park. Joseph Kettlestrings was the first settler in Oak Park. When land was open for pre-emption in 1835, he bought 160 acres, and his deed to the land is dated 1837. Kettlestrings and his family had arrived in the area in 1833 when they came by covered wagon from Cincinnati.

George Bickerdike, an acquaintance in Yorkshire, England, employed him at the Bickerdike Mill on the DesPlaines River for a couple of years. His wife is said to have cooked for the mill hands.

Sometime after 1837 he built a frame house on the south side of Lake St., east of Harlem Ave. It was called Oak Ridge House, and soon after had a horse shoeing shop next door. An historic marker on Walgreen's Drug Store now marks the site.

The Kettlestrings moved when the children became of school age, and returned when the first school in Oak Park was opened in 1854. The house was destroyed by fire in 1866.

ROBERT SANDER furnished the photograph shown with this article, a picture of the original Ashbel Steele house and a glass negative. Ben Dicus reproduced the picture and brought out details not evident in the original print.

The picture was taken a few years before the house's demolition as shown by the sign "No Trespassing, Keep Out." Also, the five people in front of the house are all dressed formally for a special occasion. Sander says the people are, left and right, Mrs. George Steele and George Steele, Ashbel's son who lived in the house for sixty years. The three center figures are Mr. and Mrs. John Sander and their son, Ernest, who were Bob Sander's parents and older brother.

The house itself is worth close study. The view is of the front of the house facing the river and shows Thatcher Av. behind it and to the left with a house in the background across Thatcher.

THE MAIN Steele house is on the right side of the picture. It was built of red brick with stone around the upper window. Most of the gable roof has collapsed, leaving only the A-line and the side gutter still in place. In the foreground is a frame building with two lean-to's made of beveled logs. This building was used as the store which Ashbel Steele is said to have operated.

His daughter, Clara Steele Brown, grew up in the house and wrote in 1906 her recollections of her childhood.

She said, "the first settlers turned their hogs in droves in the woods with their brands on them, and left them to fatten on the acorns. The house built by my father in 1837 still stands. My father shot a panther (wildcat) in our playhouse. The scream that the animal gave in the early dawn struck terror to our hearts, but with one bullet well aimed the animal was killed. My father was a good hunter. There were deer, rabbits, squirrel, raccoon, partridge, snipe and woodcock."

ASHBEL STEELE starts every history of River Forest. He was born in Derby Ct., England, moved to Rochester, New York in 1825. In 1827 he married Harriet Dawley. He moved his family and furniture, including a piano, to Chicago in 1833, and to River Forest in 1836.

He and Theophilus Smith bought the Bickerdike and Nobele Saw Mill in 1836 and operated it for a number of years. The probable location of the Mill as determined by the recent study, was on the east side of the DesPlaines River oh the bottomland, north of Lake St., just below the junction of Auvergne Pl. and River Oaks Drive.

One the bottomland just before the river makes a sharp bend to the west, blocks of limestone on both sides of the river and a portion of a pavement of fitted blocks of limestone which passes under the embankment were found.

Ashbel Steele was an able and enterprising man. He was elected Coroner of Cook County in 1834 and served until 1838, when he was elected Sheriff of Cook Countv.

A BUILDER by trade, in 1846 he constructed Montezumna Hall, named after the Ottawa chief Montezuma. It was located at the southeast corner of Lake St. and Thatcher Av. opposite the present Methodist Church. Here he conducted a tavern, an inn and a general store.

In 1849, Steele was appointed postmaster of Noyesville, which served all of western Cook County. The Post Office was first located at Ten Mile House on Lake St. and First Av., Maywood, and was moved to Montezuma Hall. At that time Noyesville included all of River Forest, Oak Park, Forest Park and Maywood.

One of his most lasting achievements is the Harlem School on Lake Street and Park Avenue, built in 1859. Since 1941 it has housed the administrative offices of the River Forest public schools. It is the earliest public building still standing in River Forest or Oak Park.

IN THE EARLY DAYS, it was the school for River Forest, Forest Park and part of Maywood.

Ashbel Steele died in 1861. Several of his children and grandchildren have continued to live in Oak Park and River Forest. His grandson Sidney John Steele resided at 1139 Lathrop Avenue. He died in 1969 at the age of 93.

Further information on early River Forest can be found in "Reflections, a History of River Forest" by Harriet Hausman. Copies may be purchased at the River Forest Library and at Barbara's Bookstore on the Oak Park Mall.

Teachers seek $20,500 over principal hiring

By KATHY CATRAMBONE

The Oak Park Teachers' Assn. is asking damages be paid to the group because of the elementary school district administration's handling of the hiring of a principal.

The teachers' group wants $20,500, the amount Marguerite Bloch will receive as principal of Longfellow School, for the administration's failure to post notice of the vacancy. The school board approved Mrs. Bloch's appointment March 8. She will replace Stuart Mitchell, who has been assigned principal of the new Hawthorne Junior High for next school year.

The teachers contend, according to the contract, all vacancies within the district must be posted to enable interested persons to apply.

SUPT. ROBERT BALDAUF denied the grievance on the grounds that the contract does not cover posting of vacancies on an administrative level.

"It is a good personnel practice to post all vacancies regardless of what the contract says," Baldauf says. "But I knew who I was going to hire, so the position was filled automatically and therefore, there was no vacancy."

ANOTHER GRIEVANCE, DENIED by both the superintendent and board, has been submitted to arbitration. The teachers' union is protesting the district's failure to advance a teacher on the step, commensurate with the teacher's years with the district.

The teacher was advanced from the bachelor's lane to master's lane after receiving his master's degree last summer, but was kept at the same step. The grievance was denied because of board policy. The teachers say the contract supersedes any board policy.

While the fate of the two grievances is being decided, teachers and board members are preparing for contract negotiations to begin. Groundrules for this year's negotiations will be set Tuesday. Proposals will be exchanged April 20, with formal negotiating sessions beginning April 22.

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RIVER FOREST

Benign neglect preserved the land

By Jean Guarino

Ashbel Steele, River Forest's first permanent settler, was the only owner of the acreage now comprising the Thomas Jefferson Woods and Grand Army of the Republic Forest Preserve tracts before his heirs sold it to the Forest Preserve District.

These Forest Preserve parcels were once part of an 117-acre homestead Steele purchased in 1837. Forty acres of this parcel were on the west side of the Des Plaines River in what is now Maywood, and the remainder on the east side between Madison Street and Lake Street.

It is important to note what Steele was not when trying to understand how the understory of rare prairie and woodland flowers have remained undisturbed for so long.

Steele was not a farmer, which meant he did not plow his land nor did he own cattle. While other settlers farmed their land, plowing over the soil and unknowingly destroying these rare species or allowing their cattle to feed upon the plants, Steele let his land lie fallow.

Ashbel Steele was a prosperous builder and constructed many of the early buildings in River Forest. Once he had cleared a large area approximately 200 feet south of where the Northwestern tracks now stand and 100 feet west of Thatcher Ave. for a substantial house for his wife and nine children, he adopted a policy of benign neglect toward the rest of his homestead -- a decision that allowed the area's natural ecosystem to remain undisturbed for more than a century.

Ashbel Steele arrived in Chicago with his bride Harriet Dawley in 1833 from upstate New York. He bought land, built the first brick home in Chicago and began to deal in real estate.

Steele quickly became a man of influence and importance in Chicago and in 1834 was elected coroner of the newly formed Cook County. However, two years later he moved his growing family west to "Harlem" (the original name of River Forest) which, at that time, was the "frontier" of the county.

Steele's homestead included the Bickerdike steam saw mill on the east bank of the Des Plaines River at Lake Street which had been established in 1831 and played an important role in the development of the region.

It was the only saw mill within 20 miles of Chicago and provided the first sawed timbers for the north and south piers at the harbor entrance of the Chicago River as well as lumber for building everything from modest balloon-frame cottages to stately Greek Revival mansions that began springing up after the city was plotted and surveyed in 1830. Most of these homes were consumed in the Chicago Fire in 1871.

Steele used lumber supplied by the Bickerdike saw mill for both his growing business and to build a home for his family in this sylvan wilderness. Steele's home was furnished with lovely pieces of mahogany furniture and the first piano ever seen in the area that had come from New York by boat and by wagon from Chicago.

In 1840, just four years after Steele's arrival in River Forest, he was elected sheriff of Cook County and moved his family back into the city where an official residence was provided at the corner of Clark and Randolph.

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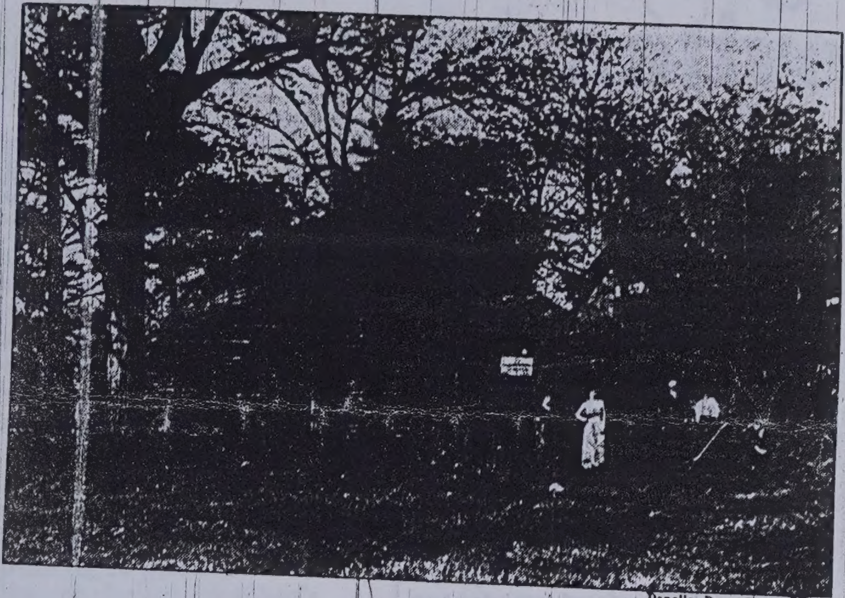
However, Steele retained his official residence in River Forest during his term as sheriff and, after leaving office, returned to the village and resumed his many business, social and political activities.

Before his move back to Chicago Steele had conducted business from his home. But after his return he built Montezuma Hall, a large frame building on the site of an old Indian meeting ground on the southeast corner of Lake Street and Thatcher and here he operated a tavern (serving rum, wine, gin and whiskey to parched travelers in a community that was soon to become abstentious), the post office, a general store and a stagecoach stop. Steele died in 1861, but the saw mill continued operating until after the Civic War.

Ashbel and Harriet Steele had seven daughters and two sons. One of the sons, George Steele, lived in the family home for more than 60 years until his death in 1914 when the house was demolished. In 1917 the heirs of George Steele sold a 55-acre tract to the Cook County Forest Preserve District for $68,898.35.

The district divided this parcel into the Thomas Jefferson Woods and Grand Army of the Republic Woods and, at the same time, paved Washington Boulevard between Thatcher and First Avenue, constructed an elaborate lighting system on Washington Boulevard and erected a bridge over the river.



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The shooting star is a typical rare prairie flower found in the forest preserve.

Descendants of Ashbel Steele stand in front of the home he built in 1837. The photo was taken in 1914 shortly before the home was demolished and land sold to the forest preserve. (Photo courtesy of the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest.)

Save savannah unit start

If you would like to help save this endangered Illinois savannah by contributing your time and labor, call the newly formed Save the Savannah Society at 386-5810 during business hours.

The Illinois chapter of the Nature Conservancy which sponsors a volunteer stewardship network will assist local residents in inventorying the plants, helping devise a management plan and providing tools.

"There are almost a hundred groups in northeastern Illinois working to save other endangered pockets of prairie and savannah," said Ross Sweeney, Cook County regional steward for the Conservancy. "A project like this should not be hard to get off the ground with a group of enthusiastic volunteers who are willing to work."

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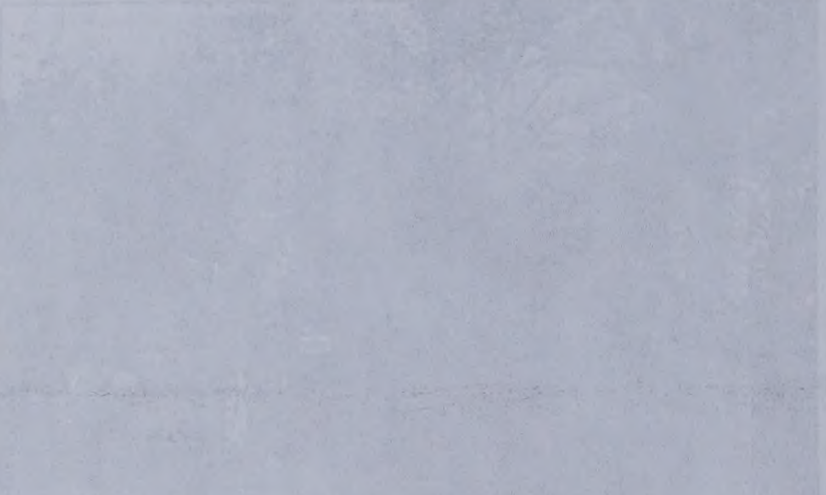

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Ownership of the mill passed through many hands including Ashbel Steele's who, with a partner, Theophilius Smith, purchased it in 1836. And why not? The mill was a profitable business venture as demand for lumber was increasing daily by settlers arriving in Chicago and it was conveniently located about half a mile from the Steele home.

Today we are indebted to Ashbel Steele for never plowing or grazing his land (except for his neighbor's pigs which he allowed to be turned loose on his property) and thereby preserving the abundance of native flowers and grasses that have become disappeared from other parts of Illinois.

At the same time, we can point the finger of blame at him for introducing non-native species into the area which have spread, and in many cases, overwhelmed native plants.

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Upon entering the Steele grounds visitors found themselves upon a road, part of a system of gracious curving ways and paths with gates, bars, stiles and small bridges threading the whole estate.

The road at the entrance gate was a curve resembling the small end of an oval. Following to the west on this curve it crossed the gently winding path to the front door, swung out and around a beautiful barberry bush (8 feet in diameter and 12 feet high) and led up to the mounting block at the front door. That mounting block was the stump of a giant oak with one side cut down to form a wide step up to the top of the block.

Following the left curve of the road to the east a point was reached where it branched three ways: the first east leading away from the house and then south to the family graveyard, the second to the bards and the third west, past the kitchen door where it forked south into the orchard. This third path also meandered past a vegetable garden, a beautiful grove of walnut trees, across a small bridge and down into the "bottom land" where there was a very rich field. Crossing that field in early spring one passed through great patches of bluebells.

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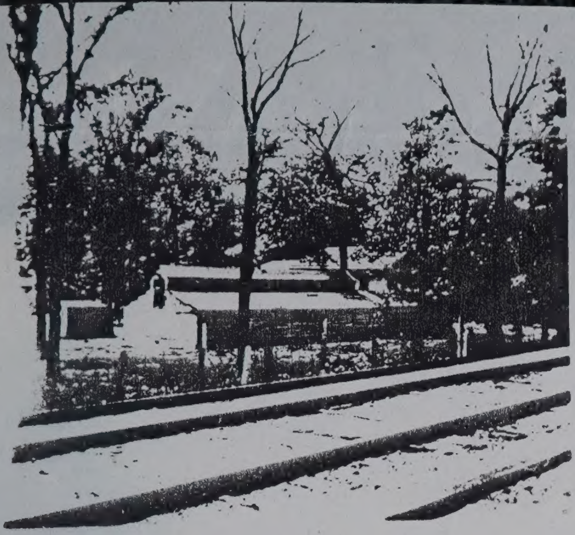
Upon entering the Steele grounds visitors found themselves upon a road, part of a system of gracious curving ways and paths with gates, bars, stiles and small bridges threading the whole estate.

The road at the entrance gate was a curve resembling the small end of an oval. Following to the west on this curve it crossed the gently winding path to the front door, swung out and around a beautiful barberry bush (8 feet in diameter and 12 feet high) and led up to the mounting block at the front door. That mounting block was the stump of a giant oak with one side cut down to form a wide step up to the top of the block.

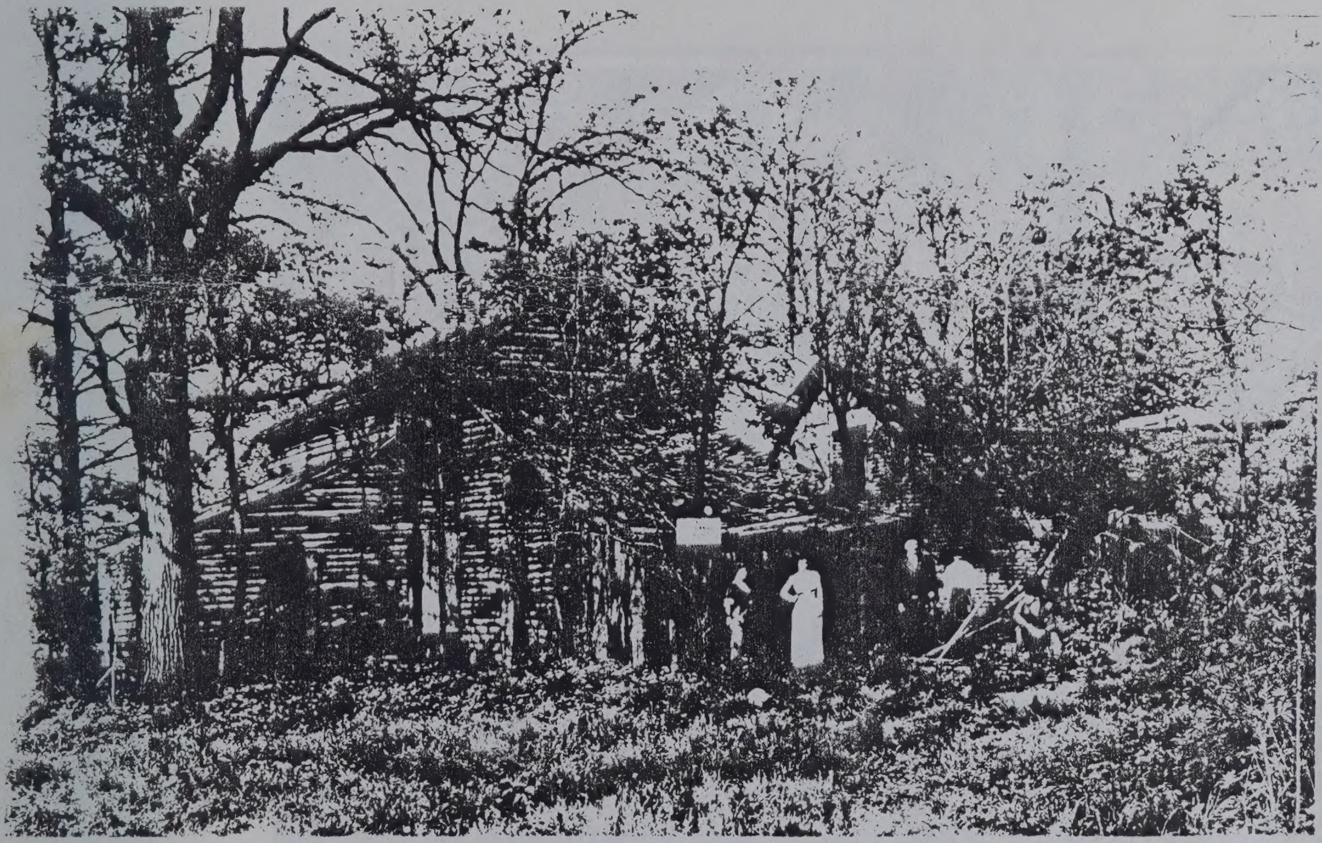
Following the left curve of the road to the east a point was reached where it branched three ways: the first east leading away from the house and then south to the family graveyard, the second to the bards and the third west, past the kitchen door where it forked south into the orchard. This third path also meandered past a vegetable garden, a beautiful grove of walnut trees, across a small bridge and down into the "bottom land" where there was a very rich field. Crossing that field in early spring one passed through great patches of bluebells.



⑪ "Ashbel Steele, Steele Woods" "The pioneer family in River Forest, known as Steele, lived in an old house just east of these railroad buildings. A son, George, was the last of the family to live in the old house. This is looking SW from C&NW Ry tracks and Oak Ave. crossing. It shows living quarters for Italians who were working along the Ry. This section of land was known as Steele Woods." 1903 P.W.B

THATCHER AVE

Oak Ave. originally included what is now Edgewood Place. (Isabel Wasson)



House of Ashbel Steele, first permanent resident in River Forest. The house was built in 1837, and was demolished about 1914. It was located 100 to 200 feet south of C&NW Ry and 100 feet west of Thatcher Ave., in what is now the Forest Preserve. The people, left to right are: Mrs. George Steele, Mrs. John Sander, Mr. John Sander, their son, Ernest Sander, and kneeling Mr. George Sander.

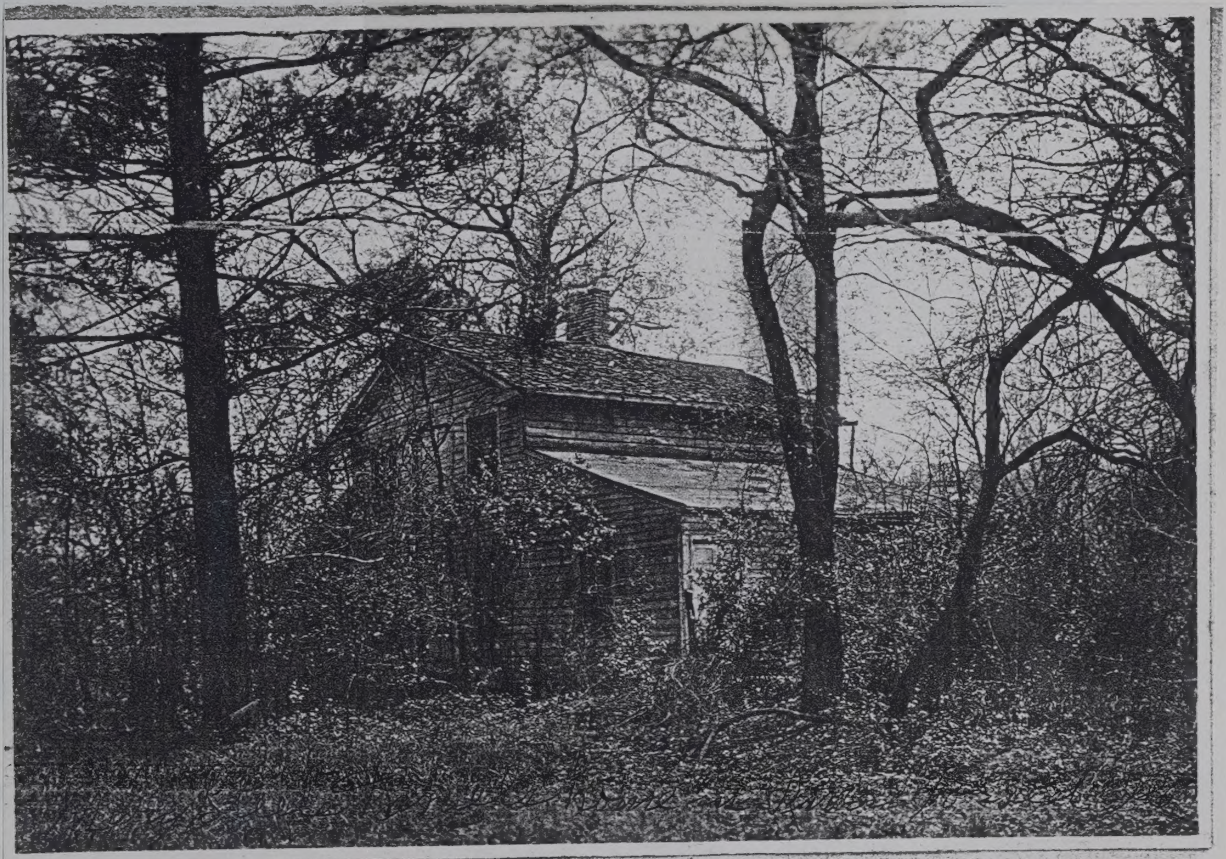
The original photograph and negative (on Glass) is owned by Robert A. Sander of 325 Thatcher Ave. , whose house was moved across the C&NW Ry tracks in , before the tracks were elevated. Photograph was probably taken about 1914.

See "RF as I first knew it" by Miss Thatcher, daughter David C Thatcher copy at RF Library

George Steele, youngest child of Ashbel Steele, was born here in 1848. He remained a bachlor, + occupied the old homestead for 60yrs. He farmed the Steele land, until he sold it to Forest Preserve in 1917. He moved to Maywood. Died 1927

Hall b8

Albert



Mary A Daniels home in
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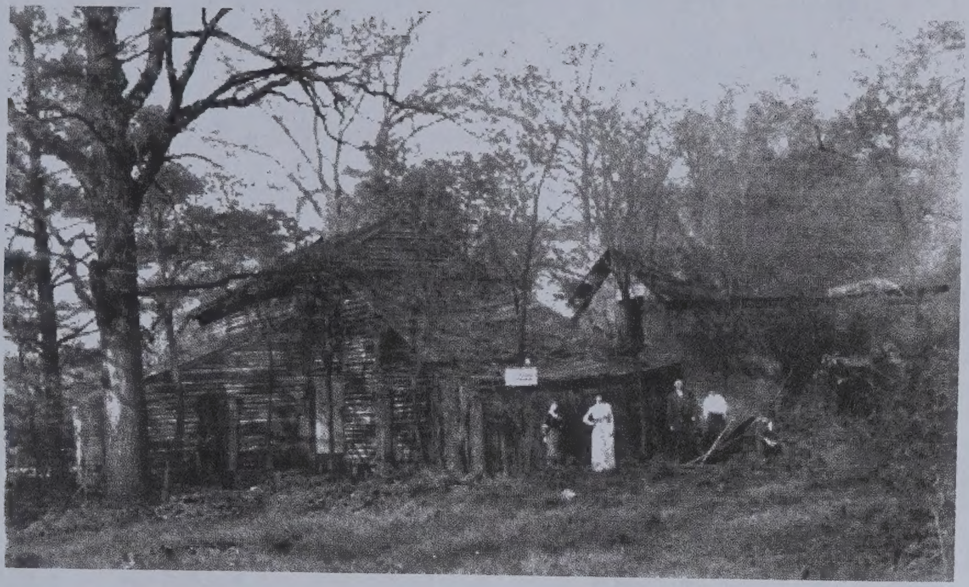

Ashbel Steele Home

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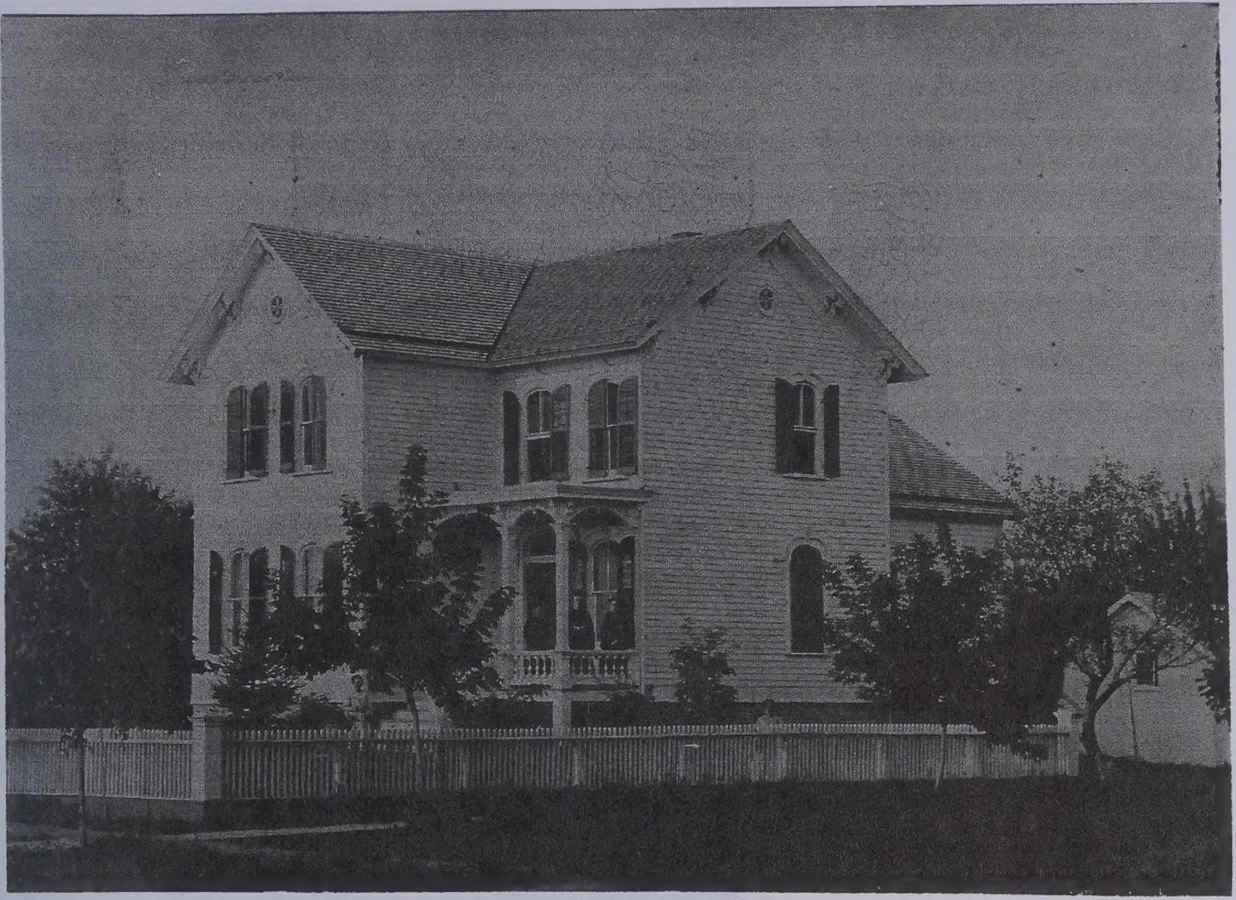
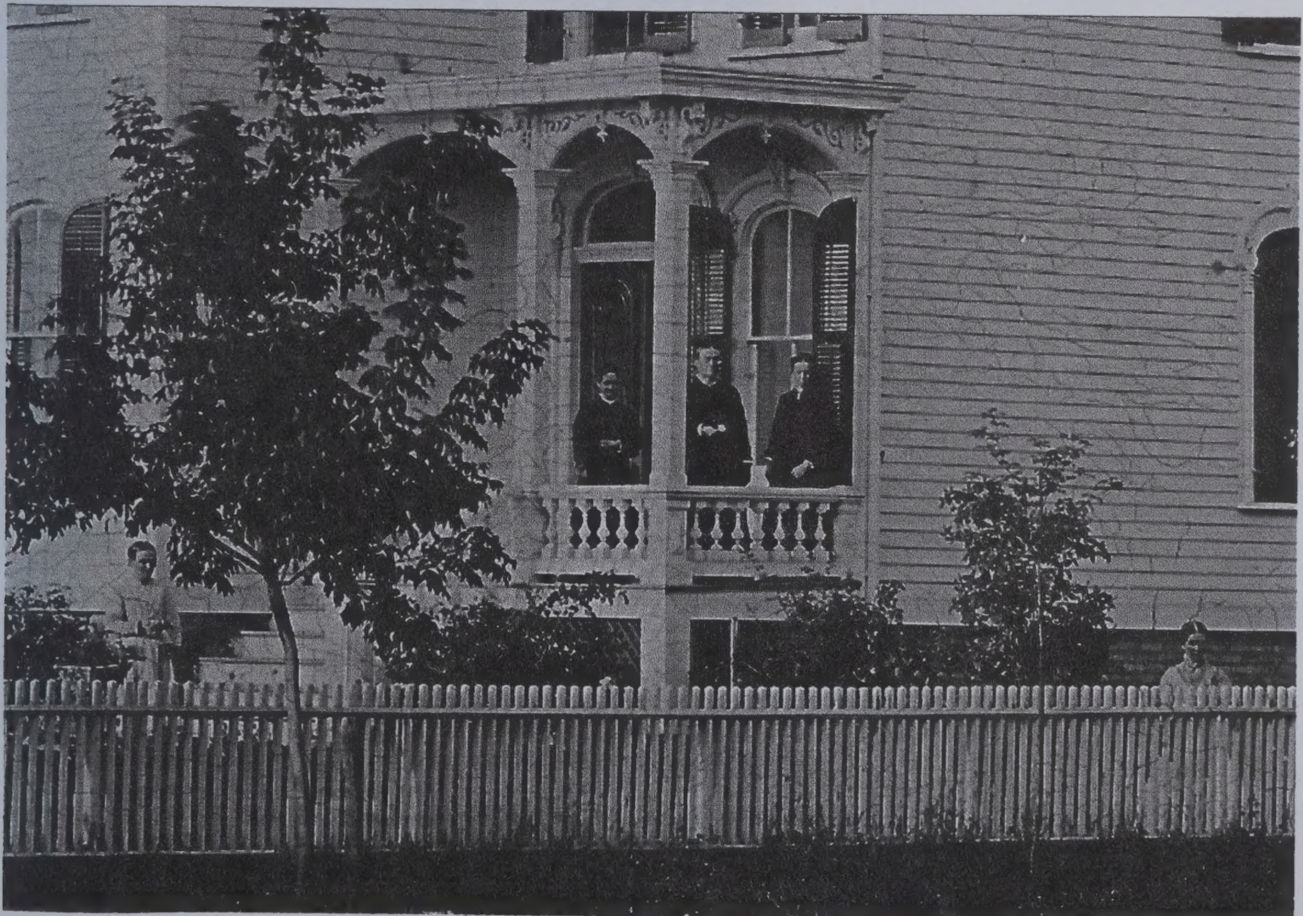
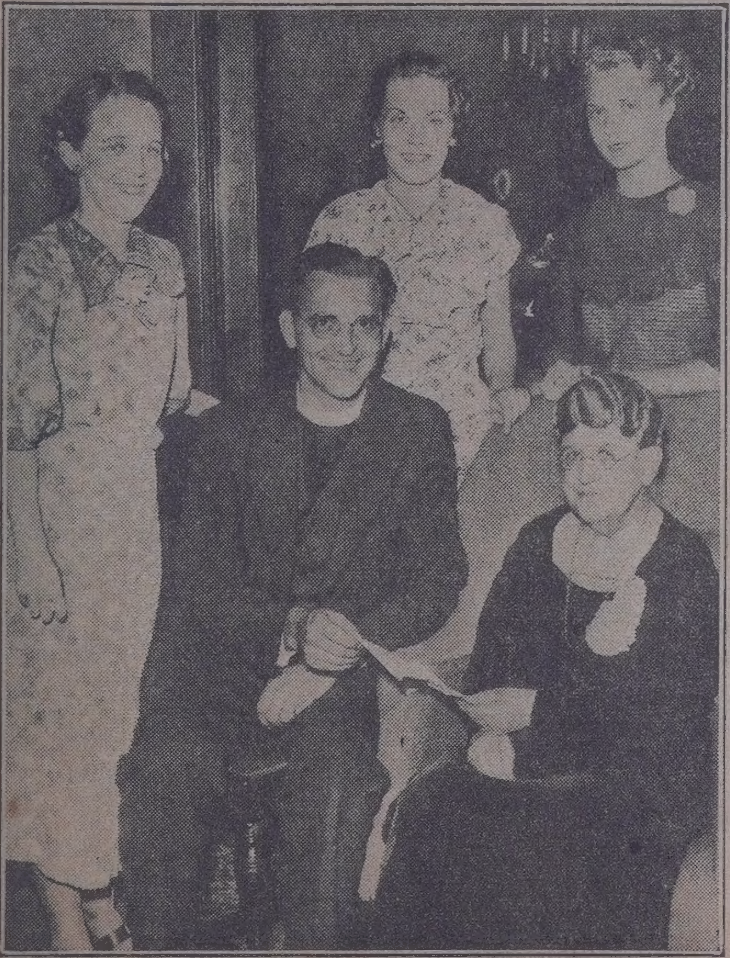




STEELE FAMILY HOME – RIVER FOREST

Aiding Maywood Church Jubilee



These members of the Church of Holy Communion in Maywood will be responsible for the success of the church's jubilee program to begin today and continue through next Sunday in celebration of the parish's fiftieth year. Surrounding the Rev. D. R. Edwards, rector, are (left to right, standing) Miss Jeannette Riley, Mrs. Isaac Riley, and Miss Betty Schnellhardt. Mrs. Julia A. Steele is seated with Dr. Edwards.

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"WHERE EDGE OF WOOD AND WATER MEET"

Once in MY early days of Belles Lettres the club held a treasure hunt for The Spring Frolic. The membership was divided into teams of four. The clews were compiled by the sharpest new member brains. The first one the list read -

"WHERE EDGE OF WOOD AND WATER MEET"

Most of my team had not the slightest idea to what it referred. It sounded to me - the likes of The English Romantic poets. Very unique and so appropriate for Belles Lettres, but it certainly left my mind a blank. Ruth Holt saw the light and took our team to the corner of Edgewood Place and Lake Street. My present treasure, if you can call it such, referred to some of the early history of our village of River Forest, which was born NOT precisely at Edgewood Place and Lake Street, but close-by at the DesPlaines River in what is now Thatcher Woods.

1831 - a hundred and forty two years ago - that doesn't seem very long ago, does it? I'm pushing half that time right now. Indians had roved over the section of land under discussion for perhaps centuries. The Potawatomies, the last tribe to inhabit this district departed for western areas - more or less driven out by white settlers who had established Fort Dearborn at the mouth of the Chicago River.

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Two enterprising young men named Mr. Bickerdike and Mr. Noble entered an unsuccessful venture with a saw-mill on the east bank of the ~~Aux~~ Des Plaines River to manufacture lumber from the beautiful hardwood forest bordering the river, where Edge of Wood and Water met.

Five years later - 1836 - they were happy to deed it to one ASHBEL STEELE and a THOEPHILUS SMITH. Mr. Steele came to stay, and is credited with being the FIRST permanent white settler, in the forest bordering the river. A small deserted cabin just south of the mill went with the deal, and became Mr. Steele's home. He was of English descent: born in Derby County in 1794; migrated to Rochester, New York in 1825; to Chicago, on horseback in 1833; to River Forest in 1836 at 42 years of age.

The Steele homestead consisted of 117 acres - forty of which were on the WEST side of the river. He was a carpenter by trade. He couldn't complain about the quality of lumber he received, for his sizeable house he later erected just west of what is now Thatcher Avenue and north of the Northwestern Railroad, because he had milled it himself, at his own mill.

The front part of his house was used as a general store - no doubt tended by his wife and some of his nine children. Later, he moved this business to THE MONTEZUMA HALL - a frame building which he erected on the south side of Lake Street,

across the street from where the METHODIST CHURCH now stands. Here he conducted a tavern, general store and Post Office - which served practically all of WESTERN Cook County. That he had SOME political influence seems certain for the Post Office was transferred here from The Ten Mile House - a tavern THEN located at what is now Lake Street and First Avenue, Maywood in the district THEN called NOYESVILLE. Mr. Steele built ①The Old Harlem School building in 1860, which still stands on Lake Street, corner of Park Avenue. It was THEN the largest and finest school building between Chicago and Elgin. It served the area which was later to become River Forest, Maywood, Forest Park and Oak Park.

ASHBEL STEELE died in 1861, was FIRST buried in a private cemetary on his own land in River Forest, but later moved to Forest Home Cemetary, where Mrs. Steele is also buried. He was survived by his wife and nine children - seven of whom were daughters. Sidney Steele and Robert Ligare are grandsons, and long residents of the village. You may have known them.
I recall when ALL of the property EAST of the River, to Thatcher Avenue and SOUTH of the Northwestern tracks was known as Steele's Woods. Perhaps this explains WHY there are no houses on the west side of Thatcher Avenue and south of the railroad.

During the middle 1830's, River Forest profited by its proximity to Chicago. The Galena and Chicago Union Railroad was put thru in 1835. River Forest was the first terminus of the FIRST railroad built into or out of Chicago.

Lake Street, then called Elgin Road, had become one of the early highways leading to the WEST. Land speculators, (some settlers) were attracted to the property where Edge of Wood and Water met, and secured it from the government. My list is far from complete. If your family is NOT included please consider it ignorance on MY part and NOT intentional omission.

THEOPHILUS WASHINGTON SMITH - one of the organizers and FIRST president of the railroad, acquired 320 acres from the river east and north of Lake Street.

ELIGAH HUBBARD held 320 acres between what is Harlem Avenue and Lathrop.

GEORGE BICKERDYKE - who had previously sold his sawmill to Mr. Steele claimed most of the central section.

M. P. MAXWELL - had 160 acres south of the Northwestern tracks from Lathrop Avenue, to Thatcher, and south to Madison Street. (There is a Maxwell Memorial Library at the River Forest Presbyterian Church.)

⑦ DAVID CUNNINGHAM THATCHER came to River Forest in 1854. - eighteen years after The Steeles. He bought 640 acres of land on both sides of The River, extending from what is NOW First Avenue to Lathrop Avenue and from Division Street to Madison Street. Part of this land had been in the ASHBEL STEELE and THOEPHILUS SMITH estates.

He first occupied a house which stood on the west side of The River, but later built a comfortable brick house facing Lake Street in River Forest. Here he lived until his death in 1866. He gave his name to Thatcher Avenue and to Thatcher Woods (now Forest Preserve). His original Lake Street house now stands a 511 Edgewood Place where it was later moved and remodeled. There were three sons and one daughter in this family.

WILLIAM - who was killed in the Civil War.

③GEORGE - who came with his parents at the age of eight years and was a resident here for 57 years. His early education was obtained at the little school house which still stands at Lake Street & Park Avenue. The GEORGE THATCHERS first lived in his fath Lake Street house, and later built a big f house - still very much in evidence at 543 Edgewood Place. GEORGE practiced law successfully all over Cook County.

DAVID - who became a contractor and land developer.

CLARD - of whom, more later.

- - - here the plot thickens. As a young boy I wondered HOW there could be so many THATCHERS around. As of right NOW, it's still a bit vague. It seems that in 1860, only six years after the arrival of THE CUNNINGHAM THATCHERS another THATCHER family - ④THE SOLOMON THATCHERS - arrived from Hopewell, New Jerse They were in NO way related to the CUNNINGHAM THATCHERS altho the men had been in school together.

Philadelphia.

1875
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I Harriet Steele of the town of Proviso in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, widow of the late Achbel Steele deceased, being of sound mind and memory hereby make and declare this my last will and testament.— that is to say

Item first:— I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Eunice A. Steele all my household furniture, at my homestead at River Forest in Cook County Illinois to be by her shared with or divided among her brothers and sisters as to her shall seem best,— and in no case shall she sell the same.

Item second:— I give devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate both real and personal of what kind and nature soever unto my daughter Clara H. Brown widow, and my son George Ernest Steele to have and to hold to them and the survivor of them as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, [illegible]ucts following nevertheless.

1st Out of the same or the proceeds thereof to pay my just debts.

2d To lease sell and dispose of the same at public or private sale from time to time or at such times and on such terms and in such manner and in such portions or parts as to them or to the survivor of them shall seem meet and most for the advantage of the beneficiaries under this my said will

3d From time to time, in their discretion to pay to any of my children or grand children or their guardian or guardians any and such sums of money out of the proceeds of my said Estate not to exceed their share thereof, as they or the survivor of them may from time to time deem best for the interests of said child or children, and to aid in their Education and support not however to prejudice the interests of other beneficiaries under this my last will and testament:

4th At any time as soon after my decease as it shall

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appear to be for the interest of the beneficiaries under this my last will and testament to divide all or so much of my said Estate real and personal named in item second of this my last will and testament, as may remain and the proceeds thereof not heretofore divided, among my surviving children, and the descendants of any deceased child or children equally, share and share alike, the descendants of any deceased child or children to take the share or shares which would have fallen to such child or children and which they would have taken had they survived me - per stirpes and not per capita, - in case of the decease of any child or children or descendants thereof leaving no issue then the share which would otherwise fall to said deceased child or children or descendants thereof, shall go to and be divided among his or their surviving brothers and sisters. The final division of my Estate and the proceeds thereof not to be delayed beyond five years after my decease. Any advancement which may be made under the third provision of this will to be deducted from the share or portion to be paid to or divided to any party receiving such advancement.

Item third; - I hereby appoint my daughter Clara H. Brown and my son George Ernest Steele executors of this my last will and testament and I desire that they shall not be compelled to give bonds for the proper performance of their duties as such executors or as trustees under this will, and I hereby expressly revoke all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I, Harriet Steele have to this my last will and testament consisting of one sheet of paper of two pages subscribed my name and set my seal this twenty ninth day of May A.D. 1875

Harriet Steele (Seal)

Subscribed by the testatrix in the presence of each of us, and at the same time declared by her to us to be her last will and testament, and thereupon we at the request of the testatrix in her presence and in the presence of each other sign our names hereto as witnesses this twenty ninth day of May A.D. 1875
the words "to time" interlined before signing. G. E. D. Hubbert Chicago Ill.
Harry S. Stevens Chicago Illinois.

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WILL of 1875

HARRIET (DANBY) STEELE

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF COOK.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COOK COUNTY.

To the Honorable CHRISTIAN C. KOHLSAAT,
Judge of said Court.

1895

The Petition of George E. Steele and Clara H. Brown respectfully showeth that they is a resident of said County; that on the 25th day of July A. D. 1895, Harriet Steele of River Forest in said Cook County, departed this life at River Forest leaving a last will and testament, duly signed and attested, as your petitioners believe~~s~~, which they now present to your Honor for Probate. That said Testatrix in said will nominated your petitioners George E Steele and Clara H. Brown

That said deceased left property and effects as follows:

Personal estate not to exceed in value Five Hundred consisting of goods & chattels Dollars. $500.00

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That said testatrix left visible estate more than sufficient to pay her debts

That the value of the whole estate of said deceased does not exceed Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars. That said deceased left her surviving Frances L Daniels a widow; Clara H Brown a widow; Mary A Daniels a widow; Emma J Steele and Eunice A Steele her daughters; Ashbel J. Steele and George E Steele her sons; Ashbel G. Ligare, Louise L. Mayo wife of Louis B. Mayo; Charles A Ligare, and Edward F. Ligare children and only heirs at law of Elizabeth G. Ligare deceased who was a daughter of said Harriet Steele deceased William B. Porter; Milo Porter; George H Porter; Charles M. Porter; Sarah M Curtis wife of Wallace Curtis; Ashbel J Porter; children and only heirs at law of Sarah H Porter deceased ~~deceased~~ (who was a daughter of said Harriet Steele deceased her only heirs at law. That your petitioners reside ~~at No.~~ in Town of Proviso ~~Street~~, in said Cook County and are willing to accept and undertake the trust confided to them in said will, wherefore your petitioners pray that the said will may be admitted to probate, and letters testamentary thereon may be issued to George E. Steele and Clara H Brown,

after proper hearing and proof

and that all other orders necessary may be made.

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BATE COURT OF COOK COUNTY

ESTATE OF Harriet Steele deceased

PETITION OF George E Steele and Clara H Brown,

FOR PROOF OF WILL AND

Letters Testamentary.

Oct 1st A. D. 1895

Elijah Cooper Clerk.

APPRAISERS:

H Schamberg

Charles le Smith

Isaac Davenport

S. V. Francis

Attorney.

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Sketch

Name: Sarah Hannah STEELE

child of: Ashbel & Harriet (DAWLEY) STEELE

born: 21 Dec. 1838 at: Chicago (Cook) IL

died: 13 Sep. 1868 at: Proviso Twp.,(Cok) IL buried as

place buried: ~~Forest Home Cem., Forest Park (Cook) IL~~ NO Sarah ~~[illegible]~~

married (1): Irving A. PORTER, born 10 June 1832, died 4 June 1907

mar. date: 26 Mar. 1856 place: Noyesville (Cook) IL SCOVILLE

married (2): James P. SCOVILLE #5396

mar. date: after 1907 place:

children (all from mar. #1):
William B. PORTER born about 1856
Milo I. Porter born about 1858
George H. PORTER born about 1881, died 1920
Charles M. PORTER born 11 Aug. 1863, died (9 Nov. 19017) River Forest, IL
  mar: Harriet FOSTER, born (4 Jun. 1864), died (7 Jun. 1948)
  ch: Ella PORTER born 31 Dec. 1892, died Mar. 1992) (Elmhurst, IL)
    mar: George F. HAMMERSCHMIDT, born 16 Jul. 1894, died (Apr. 1983)
    ch: Charles Porter HAMMERSMITH, born 11 Aug. 1926
      mar: Mary Ann O´DONNELL, born (15 Dec. 1931, died (7 Nov. 1980)
      ch: Ann Louise HAMMERSMITH born 29 Apr. 1955, Emhurst, IL
        mar: Mark Timothy BRAMANN, born (30 Jul. 1955)
Sarah H. PORTER mar. Wallace H. CURTIS
Ashbel J. PORTER born abt. 1867, died May 1900 age 35
  mar. Bertha Louise ________
  ch: Ford D. PORTER born abt. 1888; 1917 res. Western Springs, IL
    Arthur W. PORTER born abt. 1892
    Ashbel J. PORTER born abt. 1894
    Earl PORTER born abt. 1898
    Mark PORTER born abt. 1890

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ESTATE OF
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PROOF OF HEIRSHIP.

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Nellie O'Connor,
Reporter.

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State of Illinois)
SS
County of Cook)

N Nellie O'Connor being fist duly sworn on her oath, says the foregoing testimony was truly taken and reported by her in shorthand on October 18th. A. D 1895, and that the above is a true and faithful transcript of the same as she verily believes.

Nellie O'Connor

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on this 30th day of October A. D. 1895.

1895

Notary Public

HARRIET (DAILEY) 1895
STEELE ①

state of Illinois)
County of Cook) SS. In the Probate Court of Cook County.

In the matter of the Estate of
Harriet Steele, deceased.

Testimony taken in the Probate Court of Cook County, Judge C. C. Kohlsaat presiding on October 18th. A D. 1895, in the matter of PROOF OF HEIRSHIP in the above named ESTATE.

SON OF HARRIET

G E O R G E E. S T E E L E

being first duly sworn testified in open Court as follows:

Q. What is your name ? A. George E. Steele.

Q. Where do you reside ? A. River Forest.

Q. Chicago, Illinois ? A. Yes.

Q. How old are you ? A. I am 46 years.

Q What relation are you, if any to Harriet Steele, deceased ?

A. Her son.

Q. How old was Harriet Steele when she died ? A. 86 years.

Q How many times was Harriet Steele married ? A. Once.

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Q. Once and once only ? A. Yes.

Q. What was the name of her husband ? A. Ashbel.

Q. Is he living or dead ? A. He is dead.

Q. Did he die before Harriet Steele ? A. Yes.

Q. How old did he live to be ? A. 67 years.

Q. Did they live together as husband and wife up to the time of his death ? A. Yes.

Q. How many children were born to Harriet Steele and Ashbel Steele ? A. Ten children.

Q. Give their names please, commencing with the oldest or first born child ? A. Elizabeth G.

Q. Is she living ? A. No, sir.

Q. Did she die before her mother ? A. Yes.

Q. How old did she live to be ? A. She was 57 years.

Q. Was she ever married ? A. Yes.

Q. How many times ? A. Once.

Q. Once only ? A. Yes.

Q What was the name of ther husband ? A. George G. Ligare.

Q. Is he living ? A. Yes.

Q. Did they live together as husband and wife up to the time of her death ? A. Yes.

Q How many children were born to Elizabeth G. Ligare ?

A. Ten.

Q. Give their names commencing with the oldest or first-born child ? A. Four died in infancy.

Q. Of these four how old did the oldest of them live to be ?

A. About one hour.

Q.

Q. They died when less than one year and before the death of Harriet Steele ? A. Yes.

5 Q. What is the name of the fifth child ? A. Ashbel G.

Q. Is he living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is he ? A. 45 years.

6 Q. What is the name of the sixth child ? A. Lizzie Louise.

Q$ Is she living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old dis she ? A. 39 years.

Q. Is she married ? A. Yes.

Q. What is her husband's name ? A. Louis B. Mayo.

Q. Is he living ? A. Yes.

7 Q. What is the name of the seventh child ? A. Charles G.

Q. Is Charles G. living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is he ? A. He is 34 years.

8 Q. What is the name of the eighth child ? A. Clara G.

Q. Is she living ? A. No.

Q. Did she die before Harriet Steele ? A. Yes.

Q. How old did she live to be ? A. 3 years.

9 Q. What is the name of the ninth child ? A. Myra.

Q. Is she living ? A. No, sir.

Q$ Did she die before Harriet Steele ? A. Yes.

Q. How old did she live to be ? A. 2 years.

10 Q. What is the name of the tenth child ? A. Edward F.

Q. Is Edward F. living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is he ? A. 29 years.

Q. These ten children, the four that died in infancy, Ashbel G Lizzie Louise, Charles G. Clara J. Myra and Edward F. are all

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the children that were ever born to Elizabeth G. Ligare ?

A. Yes.

2 Q. What is the name of the second child born to Harriet Steele ? A. Frances C.

✓ Q. Is she living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is Frances C. ? A. She is 64 years.

Q. What is her husband's name ? A. Joel Daniels.

Q. Is he living ? A. No, sir.

Q. Was she married again ? A. No, sir.

3 Q. What is the name of the third child ? A. Eunice A.

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8 Q. Is she living ? A. No, sir.

Q. Did she die beforeher mother ? A. Yes.

Q. How old did she live to be ? A. 8 years.

4 Q. What is the name of the fourth child ? A. Clara H.

Q. Is she living ? A. Yes

Q. How old is she ? A. About 60 years.

Q. Is she married ? A. She is a widow.

Q. What was her husband's name ? A. Elijah Brown.

Q. Is he living ? A. No, sir.

5 Q What is the name of the next child ? A. Sarah H.

Q. Is she living ? A. No, sir.

Q. Did she die before her mother ? A. Yes.

31 Q. How old did she live to be ? A. 31 years.

31 Q. Was she ever married ? A. Yes.

Q. How many times ? A. Once.

Q. Once only ? A. Yes.

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Q. What was the name of her husband ? A. Irving A. Porter.

Q. Is he living ? A. Yes.

Q. Did they live together as husband and wife up to the time of her death ? A. Yes.

Q. How many children were born to Sarah H. A. Six. 6

Q. Give their names commencing with the oldest or first-born child ? A. William B. 1/

Q. Is he living ? . Yes.

Q. How old is he ? A. 39 years.

2/ Q. What is the name of the second child ? A. Milo I.

Q. Is he living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is he ? A. 37 years.

3/ Q. What is the name of the third child ? A. George H.

Q. Is he living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is he ? A. 34 years.

4/ Q. What is the name of the fourth child ? A. Charles M.

Q. Is Charles M. living ? A. Yes.

Q. How,old is he ? A. 33 years.

5/ Q. What is the name of the fifth child ? A. Sarah M.

Q. Is she living ? A. Yes.

Q. Is she married ? A. Yes.

Q. What is her husband's name ? A. Wallace H. Curtis.

Q. is he living ? A. Yes.

6/ Q What is the name of the sixth child ? A. Ashbel J.

Q. Is he living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is he ? A. 28 years.

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Q. These six children William B. Milo I. George H. Charles M. Sarah M. and Ashbel J. are the only children ever born to Sarah H. Porter ?? A. Yes.

6 Q. What is the name of the sixth child born to Harriet Steele A Emma.

Q. Is Emma living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is she ? A. She is 55 years.

Q. Is she married ? A. No, sir.

Q. Not married ? A. No, sir.

7 Q. What is the name of the seventh child ? A. Mary A.

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Q. Is she living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is she ? A. 54 years.

Q. Is she married ? A. She is a widow.

Q. What was her husband's name ? A. ~~Frank~~ FRANCIS A. Daniels.

Q Is he living ? A. No.

8 Q. What is the name of the eighth child ? A Ashbel J.

Q Is he living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is he ? A. 53 years.

9 Q. What is the name of the ninth child ? A. Eunice A.

Q. Is she living ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is she ? A. 50 years.

Q. Is she married ? A. No, sir.

10 Q. What is the name of the next child ? A. George E.

Q. That is yourself ? A. Yes.

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Q. These ten children, Elizabeth, E. Frances C. Eunice A. Clara H. Sarah H. Emma, Mary A. Ashbel J. Eunice A. and

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George E. are all the children ever born to Harriet Steele deceased ? A. Yes.

Q. So that when Harriet Steele died she left her surviving; Ashbel G. Ligare, Lizzie Louise Mayo, wife of Louis B. Mayo, Charles G. Ligare, and Edward F. Ligare children and only heirs at law of Elizabeth G. Ligare, deceased, who was a daughter of said Harriet Steele, deceased, who died before the death of said deceased.

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Mary A. Daniels, widow of Frank A. Daniels, her daughter,

Ashbel J. Steele, her son,

Eunice A. Steele, her daughter, and

George E. Steele, her son, her only heirs at law and next of kin ? A. Yes, sir.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COOK COUNTY.

In the estate of
HARRIET STEELE,
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TESTIMONY taken in the Probate Court of Cook County, Judge Henry Horner, presiding, in the matter of SUPPLEMENTAL PROOF OF HEIRSHIP in the above named estate, on November 8th, A. D. 1917.

Reported by
Mary F. Scannell.

FORD D. PORTER, a witness, being first duly sworn, testified in open Court as follows:

Q. What is your name ? A. Ford D. Porter.

Q. Where do you live ? A. Western Springs, Illinois.

Q. You are of lawful age ? A. Yes.

Q. What relation were you to Harriet Steele, the deceased.

A. My father's grandmother.

Q. Since the taking of the testimony of George E. Steele, and the entry of the original Table of Heirship in the estate of said Harriet Steele, deceased, on November 4th, 1895, and since the death of Harriet Steele, have any of her heirs at law died ?

A. Yes, Ashbel J. Porter.

Q. He was a grandson, was he, of the deceased ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When did he die ? A. He died in May 1900.

Q. How old was he at the time he died ?

A. About 35 years.

Q. Was he married ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Married only once ? A. Married only once.

Q. And then to whom ? A. Bertha Louise.

Q. Is she living ? A. Yes.

Q. How many children were born of the marriage of Ashbel J.

Porter and his wife, Bertha Louise ? A. Six.

Q. How many was there that died in infancy, before reaching the age of 10 years ? A. One died in infancy.

Q. Did that one die before the deceased in question ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are the other five living ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. One of those is yourself ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How old are you ? A. 29 years old.

Q. Name another one ? A. Arthur W.

Q. He is living ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How old is he ? A. About 25 years.

Q. Name another one ? A. Ashbel J.

Q. He is living, is he ? A. Yes.

Q. How old is he ? A. About 23 years.

Q. Name another one ? A. Earl.

Q. He is living, is he ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How old is he ? A. 21 years.

Q. Name another one ? A. Mark.

Q. He is living, is he ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How old is he ? A. About 27 years.

Q. These six children were all the children born to Ashbel J. and his wife ? A. Yes.

Q. Did he adopt any child or children ? A. No, sir.

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Q. Has Bertha Louise, the wife of Ashbel J. Porter, remarried ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What is her husband's name ? A. James P. Scoville.

Q. He is living ? A. Yes.

Q. Have other heirs at law died that you know of ?

A. Not that I know of.

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GEORGE E. STEELE, a witness, being first duly sworn, testified in open Court as follows:

Q. What is your name ? A. George E. Steele.

Q. Where do you live ? A. 1217 Greenwood Avenue.

Q. You are of lawful age ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are you the same witness who testified heretofore in the estate of Harriet Steele ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Since the taking of the testimony, and since the entry of the original Table of Heirship therefrom, on November 4th, 1895, and since the death of Harriet Steele, have any of her heirs at law died besides Ashbel J. Porter ?

A. Yes, Frances C. Daniels.

Q. When did she die ? A. She died in February 1910.

Q. How old was she when she died ?

A. 78 years.

Q. How many times was she married ? A. Twice.

Q. First to whom ? A. James Daniels.

Q. Is he living ? A. No.

Q. Were there any children born of this marriage ?

A. One.

Q. What is the name of that child ? A. Myrtle D.

Q. Is she living ? A. No, she died years ago.

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Q. Did she die before the deceased ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How old was she when she died ? A. Only 5 years old.

Q. What was the name of the second husband of Frances C. ?

A. Joel A. Daniels.

Q. Is he living ? A. No, sir.

Q. Did he die before Frances C. ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were there any children born of the second marriage of Frances C. Daniels ? A. Four.

Q. Did any of these die in infancy, before reaching the age of 10 years ? A. Yes, two of them.

Q. Did they die before the deceased in question ?

A. They did.

Q. The other two are living ? A. Yes.

Q. One is Harriet S. ? A. Yes.

Q. She is living ? A. Yes.

Q. She is past 18 years, is she ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is she married ? A. No, sir, single.

Q. Name another one ? A. Paul W.

Q. He is living ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. He is past 21 years, is he ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. These four children were all the children born to Frances C. and her second husband ? A. Yes, sir.

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Q. These five children were all the children born to Frances C. ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did she adopt any child or children ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Any more dead ? A. Emma J. Steele.

Q. When did she die ? A. January 24th, 1898.

(See Table of Heirship in her estate, entered March 27, 1900)

Q. Any more dead ? A. Eunice A. Steele.

Q. When did she die ? A. January 16th, 1898.

(See Table of Heirship in her estate, entered March 27, 1900)

Q. Any more dead ? A. Ashbel J. Steele.

Q. When did he die ? A. February 28, 1915.

Q. Is there any change in the Heirship in his estate, entered July 6, 1915 ?

A. No, sir.

(See Table of Heirship in his estate)

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Steele, his widow, Sidney J. Steele, his son, Minnie May Steele, his daughter, Lillian A. Steele, his daughter, and Edith Elizabeth Maas, wife of Walter E. Maas, his daughter; as his only heirs at law and next of kin ? A. Yes.

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Mary F. Scannell, being first duly sworn, says that the foregoing testimony was truly taken and reported by her in shorthand, and that the above is a correct and faithful transcript of the same, as she verily believes.

Mary F. Scannell

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
On this 15th day of November, A. D. 1917.

Grace N. Parsons
Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF COOK. }

In the Probate Court of Cook County,

I, Henry Horner, Judge of the Probate Court of Cook County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and perfect transcript of the testimony taken before me on the 8th day of November, A. D. 1917, in the matter of the Supplemental **PROOF OF HEIRSHIP** in the estate of Harriet Steele, Deceased, pending in this Court

Henry Horner
Judge

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Dear Fran:

We received your letter and I want to thank you for your request. I did a little research and found an obituary for George Ernest Steele on September 24, 1927. I also found a little bio of him listed in a River Forest History book, which was published in 1938. I do not have copies of probate records for him. If you need any other information, please feel free to contact the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest at 708-848-6755 or at flipo@enteract.com. Since this research was done in less than an hour, there is no charge for the research.

Thank you,

Diane Hansen

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Research Assistant

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River Forest to Celebrate Centennial May 31-Ju

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By MARGARET PACK

A HUNDRED years in the life of a man is a century, but what is a hundred years in the life of a village? Just a vivid mass of ribbons of memory, some drabbly grey, tragically black, a neutral beige; others the sky blue of hope, a vernal green, royal purple, sunset pink, sunrise orange, all enlivened by dashes of scarlet here and there. Some run straight and true to their source, others are twisted and infinitely winding, while others are caught in a tangled mass of light and sheen hopelessly involved.

No one has ever untangled all the silk and satin ribbons of River Forest memories to weave them into the ordered pattern of a complete historical fabric that it is thought ought to begin with the coming of Ashbel John Steele to the village in 1836, but here and there blocks lie straight and true, and with the plan to celebrate the village centennial this year a movement is under way to straighten out the remaining snarl and bring all the ribboned blocks into a patterned whole.

To that end an organization, River Forest Centennial, Inc., is being formed with John L. Brink as president. Other officers are Ray E. Cheney and Homer J. Buckley, vice presidents; F. C. Pilgrim, treasurer, and Roy F. Nix, executive secretary. Frank W. Swett has been selected as attorney, and will carry through the incorporation. Ten committee chairmen have been chosen to handle pageant, program and co-ordination, grounds, finance, publicity, education, clubs and societies, athletics, homecoming, civic organizations, art exhibit. To these have been added one representative from each of the five local churches, the whole to compose the executive committee which will carry through the celebration beginning with a homecoming at the churches on Sunday, May 31, and running through June 6.

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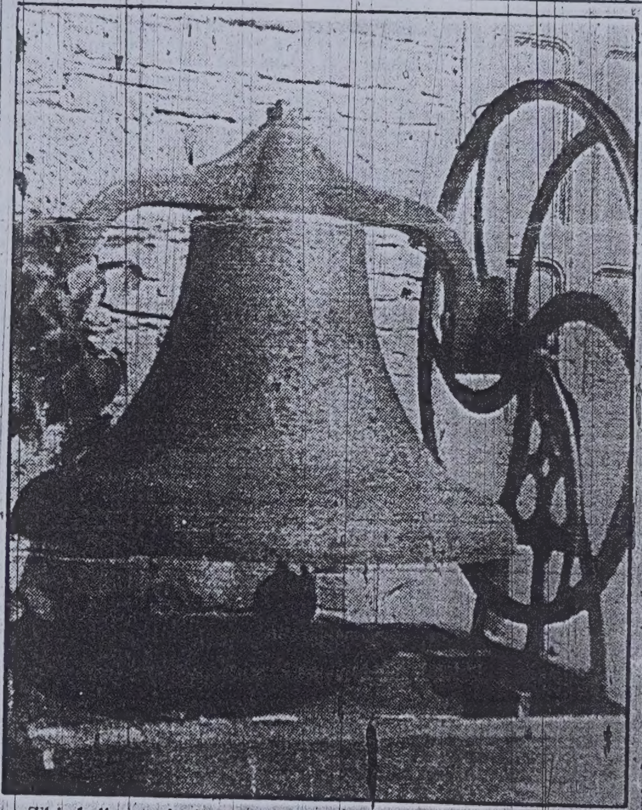

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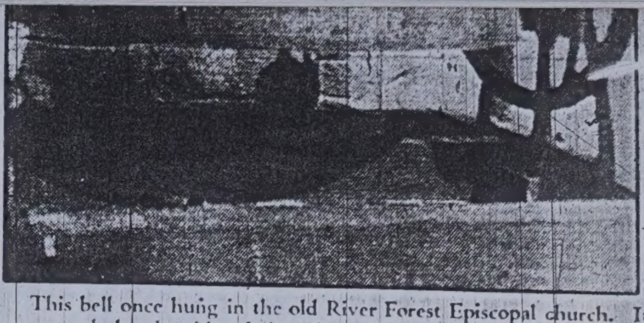

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Other grandchildren not in the direct name line are Mrs. Emma Robinson of Oak Park; the late E. F. Ligare whose wife and children still live on South Keystone; the late Charles Porter whose widow and a number of children still live in the village, including Irving Porter of North Franklin; K. M. Ligare of Oak Park, and a great grandson, Lewis B. Mayo of South Keystone, whose son Stanley is another great-great grandchild.

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secretary; Mrs. Max Berns and C. L. Walker.

Members of the library staff are Gladys Allison, librarian; Harriet McCay, children's librarian; Isabel Jack, library assistant.

Library hours are 1 to 9 p.m. daily except Sundays and holidays.

Belles Lettres Society Was Organized in 1891

The Belles Lettres society of River Forest was organized in the fall of 1891. Several previous attempts to maintain a society of this type in the village had failed. Initial steps were taken to lay the foundation for a permanently organized literary and social society, by calling a meeting to be held at the home of Jacob Cost on Keystone avenue. His residence was just south of the present home of Clarence Pellet.

To present and former members the fact is worth recalling that for forty-four years the Belles Lettres society of River Forest has held its regular meetings uninterruptedly with value and pleasure to its members and guests and with the increasing respect and approval of the community.

Present officers of the society are: President, Harvey L. Cavender; vice president, Mrs. W. P. Sims; secretary, Anna Lois Shinn; treasurer, George Harvey Jones; press chairman, E. S. Wells.

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Chris Schlund, village treasurer in 1891 and 1892, conducted a meat market at the southwest corner of Lake street and Harlem avenue, at an early day.

William J. Schreiner was a resident of River Forest for thirty-eight years. His home was at 620 Franklin avenue, where his widow now resides. He was a director of River Forest State bank, and president of the board of River Forest Presbyterian church. One son, Harold, was killed in the world war. Warren W., is a son, and a third son, Herbert W., lives in Mt. Prospect. Harold died in France, of wounds received in the Argonne.

Charles M. Schroeder, born in Germany in 1854, came to this country at the age of twenty-one, and to River Forest from Chicago in 1897. He built a house at 823 Keystone avenue, and occupied it until his death. He had a meat market on Milwaukee avenue in Chicago, and later on Lake street near Austin boulevard. He was a director of First National bank of Oak Park. He was killed by a Lake street car at Keystone avenue in 1921.

Joseph T. Scott, 310 Franklin avenue, has been a resident of River Forest since 1902. He was born in Chicago, September 27, 1872, where he grew up and continued to reside until he came here. He married Miss Mary Hogan in 1897, and they have ten children. Mr. Scott served the village as a trustee in 1926 and 1927.

Frank H. Shaw, president of the village from 1927 to 1931, came to River Forest to reside in 1919, and remained here until his death in July, 1934. His home was at 711 Thatcher avenue, where his widow still resides. Mr. Shaw was born in DesMoines, Iowa, July 20, 1870. When a young man, he went west, and was at Spokane, Wash., for twenty-five years; later was located in St. Paul, and in 1919, came to Chicago to be associated with the Ft. Dearborn bank. He was later associated with a bond house in LaSalle street.

Frank C. Smith, who served as village trustee in 1893, and on the board of eduucation in 1901 and 1902, was in the employ of E. C. Waller in the real estate office. His home was at 230 Gale avenue. His death occurred in 1917.

George Steele, younger son and youngest child of Ashbel Steele, first settler of River Forest, was born here in 1848. He remained a bachelor, and occupied the old homestead here for sixty years. Later he moved to Maywood, where he died in September, 1927. He farmed such of the Steele acres as were tillable until he sold the land to the forest preserve commissioners.

N. E. Steward operated a general store at the northwest corner of Lake street and Park avenue for a number of years, starting in 1919. He sold the business to F. A. Deacon. He died about 1925. His wife afterward became a buyer for a Chicago loop store and married again. She died in December, 1929, at her Winter home in Mississippi.

Henry Struble was a leading citizen in River Forest from the time he came here in 1887 until his death in 1933. He was president of the Henry Struble Cut Stone Co., with quarries at Bedford, Ind., and offices in the the Rookery building, Chicago. He was president of the village from 1900 to 1906, and again in 1923 and 1924. Prior to that he was village treasurer from 1888 to 1900, and in 1897 and 1898. He had been a director of River Forest State bank, and after his retirement from his own business, he was made president of the bank which office he held until his death. It was thought that the moratorium in 1933 hastened his death, as he felt the strain of the situation, and it worried him. Mr. Struble was active in Masonry and a member of River Forest lodge, A.F. & A.M. His home at the time of his death was at 727 Jackson avenue. Prior to that he had lived on Forest avenue, near Lake street. Mrs. Struble, who survived him, has since resided in Oak Park. Her home is at 223 S. Oak Park avenue. She was active in the social life of the community, while she resided in River Forest.

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1927

a resident of Cook County, Illinois departed this life, leaving no last will and testament as Petitioner is informed and believes; that said deceased left property and effects in this County as follows:

1927

Real Estate not registered under Torrens Act, not to exceed in value $15,000.00

Real Estate registered under Torrens Act, not to exceed in value $ None

Personal Estate not to exceed in value Seventy Three Thousand Dollars

That the value of the whole estate of said deceased does not exceed Eighty-~~Eight~~ Thousand Dollars

and that said deceased left him surviving

NAMES	RELATIONSHIP	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF DEATH OF DECEDENT
Ashbel G. Ligare	Nephew	724 Greenwood Ave., ~~Chicago~~, Glencoe, Ill.
Lizzie L. Mayo	Niece	148 Keystone Ave., River Forest, Ill.
Charles A. Ligare	Nephew	690 Port St., San Francisco, Calif.
Edward F. Francis Ligare	Nephew	156 Keystone Ave., River Forest, Ill.
Harriet S. Daniels	Niece	Stuttgart, ~~Oklahoma~~. Arkansas
Paul Daniels	Nephew	Stuttgart, ~~Oklahoma~~. Arkansas.
Emma L. Brown Robinson	Niece	6404 Pinehurst Road, Baltimore, Md.
William B. Porter	Nephew	507 N. Seventh Ave., Maywood, Ill.
Sarah M. Porter Curtis	Niece	4122 N. Kostner Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Agnes Porter Slack	Grandniece	337 Walnut St., Western Springs, Ill.
Harriet Porter Cosyns	Grandniece	Grace Ave., Lombard, Ill.
Joe Porter	Grandnephew	Hillside, Ill.
Dorothy Wilson Risch	Great-Grand niece	Villa Park, Illinois.
Boyd Wilson, a minor (17)	Great-Grand nephew	Hillside, Ill.
Elizabeth Wilson, a minor (15)	Great-Grand niece	Hillside, Ill.
Harriet Wilson, a minor (13)	Great-Grand Niece	Hillside Ill
Robert Wilson a minor (11)	Great Grand Nephew ~~niece~~	Hillside, Ill.
Irving D. Porter	Grandnephew	168 Thatcher Ave., River Forest, Ill.
Sarah H. Porter Ellis	Grandniece	Asheville, N. C., Box 601
Ella M. Porter Hammersmith	Grandniece	Elmhurst, Ill.
Charles A. Porter	Grandnephew	2318 S. 50th Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Mabel Porter Overfelt	Grandniece	Fort Benning, Ga.
Dorothy E. Porter Saxby	Grandniece	438 Thatcher Ave., River Forest, Ill.
Ruth A. Porter	Grandniece	161 Gale Ave., River Forest, Ill.
Ford Porter	Grandnephew	220 N. Lawn Ave., Western Springs, Ill.
Mark Porter	Grandnephew	4249 N. Spaulding Ave, Chicago, Ill.
Arthur Porter	Grandnephew	Hinsdale, Ill.
Ashbel Porter	Grandnephew	Hinsdale, Ill.
Earl Porter	Grandnephew	Hinsdale, Ill.
Flora Daniels Addison	Niece	Three Oaks, Michigan.
Carrie Daniels McKean	Niece Cary	Sawyer, Michigan.
George Daniels	Nephew	Sawyer, Michigan.
Emma Daniels Pierce	Niece	Sanger, California.
Eunice Daniels Peterson	Niece	7030 Oriole Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Minnie M. Steele	Niece	1115 Greenwood Ave., Maywood, Ill.
Sidney G. Steele	Nephew	1116 Greenwood Ave., Maywood, Ill.
Lillian A. Steele	Niece	1115 Greenwood Ave., Maywood, Ill.
Edith E. Steele Maas	Niece	1115 Greenwood Ave., Maywood, Ill.

Francis & Mary A Daniels

Children of Francis & Mary A Daniels

See also Complete distribution of ord Court Records in order

FOR'D $2,838.67

ITEM NO. 17. Deposited with County Treasurer to cover 1928 personal property tax, 900.00

ITEM NO. 18. Paid final court costs, 26.75

ITEM NO. 19. Credit taken for fee of the undersigned as administrator, 1,500.00

ITEM NO. 20. Deposited as desperate asset, $126.00 note of John G. Smith (item 28 of receipts),

ITEM NO. 21. Paid Illinois Inheritance Tax, 3,759.61

Distributed $73,019.20 among the heirs at law, in proportions to which entitled (after making adjustment for respective inheritance taxes) as follows:

EM NO.	DISTRIBUTEE	FRACTIONAL SHARE	GROSS AMOUNT	LESS INH. TAX	NET PAID	
2	Ashbel G. Ligare,	1/24	$3178.29	$167.19	$3011.10	
2	Lizzie L. Mayo,	1/24	3178.28	167.19	3011.09	
24	Charles A. Ligare,	1/24	3178.28	167.19	3011.09	
25	Edward F. Ligare,	1/24	3178.28	167.19	3011.09	
26	Harriet S. Daniels,	1/12	6356.57	363.00	5993.57	
27	Paul Daniels,	1/12	6356.57	363.00	5993.57	
28	Emma L. Brown Robinson,	1/6	12713.13	754.61	11958.52	
29	William B. Porter,	1/30	2542.63	128.03	2414.60	
30	Sarah M. Porter Curtis,	1/30	2542.63	128.03	2414.60	
31	Irving D. Porter,	1/210	363.23	———	363.23	
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37	Ruth A. Porter,	1/210	363.24	———	363.24	
38	Mark Porter,	1/150	508.53	2.72	505.81	
39	Ford Porter,	1/150	508.53	2.73	505.80	
40	Arthur Porter,	1/150	508.52	2.72	505.80	
41	Ashbel Porter,	1/150	508.52	2.72	505.80	
	Earl Porter,	1/150	508.53	2.73	505.80	
43	Agnes Porter Slack,	1/120	635.66	10.55	625.11	
44	Harriet Porter Cosyns,	1/120	635.66	10.54	625.12	
45	Joe Porter,	1/120	635.66	10.54	625.12	
	FOR'D		$50216.90	$2450.68	$47,766.22	$9025.03

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46	Dorothy Wilson Risch,	1/600	127.13	———	127.13	
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51	Flora Daniels Addison,	1/30	2542.63	128.03	2414.60	
52	Carrie Daniels McKean,	1/30	2542.63	128.03	2414.60	
53	George Daniels,	1/30	2542.63	128.03	2414.60	
54	Emma Daniels Pierce,	1/30	2542.62	128.03	2414.59	
55	Eunice Daniels Peterson,	1/30	2542.62	128.03	2414.59	
56	Minnie M. Steele,	1/24	3178.28	167.19	3011.09	
57	Sidney J. Steele,	1/24	3178.29	167.20	3011.09	
58	Lillian A. Steele,	1/24	3178.28	167.20	3011.08	
59	Edith E. Steele, Maas,	1/24	3178.28	167.19	3011.09	
			$76278.81	$3759.61	$72,519.20	72519
				TOTAL CREDITS		$81544

Total credits,	$81,544.23
Total charges,	81,244.23
Balance due undersigned,	$ 300.00

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Administrator.

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GEORGE GOATER LIGARE, an old-time merchant and voyageur, was born August 1, 1821, near Winchester, England. All his ancestors, so far as known, were of English birth. His grandfather lived in Derbyshire, where his father, Isaac Ligare, was born. The latter served as an officer in the Third Ceylon Regiment in the British army, and was for many years in the East Indies. He was a brave and efficient officer, and died in the prime of life, about the time the subject of this sketch was born. George G. Ligare received his primary education in England, attending Blake's Academy, in Winchester. He was also a pupil of the Rev. Edward McCaul, a noted divine of the English Church. Mr. Ligare was expected by his friends to enter the ministry, but at the age of fifteen years he took up the study of law with George Twynans, an old and well-known lawyer of ability at Winchester. The law had few attractions for him. He had resolved to enter upon a mercantile career. His mother died when he was about sixteen years of age, and shortly after he set out

GEORGE G. LIGARE

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GEORGE GAYTON LIGARE, an old time merchant and very gent was born August 1, 1821, near Winchester, England. All his ancestors, so far as known, were of English birth. His grandfather lived in Derbyshire, where his father, Isaac Ligare, was born. The latter served as an officer in the Third Ceylon Regiment in the British army, and was for many years in the East Indies. He was a brave and efficient officer, and died in the prime of life about the time the subject of this sketch was born. George G. Ligare received his primary education in England, attending Hanke's Academy, in Winchester. He was also a pupil of the Rev. Edward M. Clark, a noted divine of the Anglican Church. Mr. Ligare was expected by his friends to enter the ministry, but at the age of fifteen years he took up the study of law with George Twynam, an old and well known lawyer of the city of Winchester. The law had few attractions for him. He had resolved to enter upon a mercantile career. His mother died when he was about sixteen years of age, and shortly after he was out for Georgetown, Demerara, South America, where he had a relative already established in the mercantile business.

He made the journey in the little brig "Reliance," of about three hundred tons, commanded by Captain Beynon. The voyage consumed thirty-five days, and during a storm of three days in the Bay of Biscay, neither sun, moon nor stars were visible. The yellow fever was raging on the coast of South America at this time (1838), and Mr. Ligare relates, as an example of its severity, that out of a regiment of one thousand British soldiers landed there, only two hundred survived, and most of the vessels lay at anchor with- out sailors, on account of the ravages of the plague. The reader can easily conceive that in that wild region it was not easy to secure medical attendance or good nursing. Mr. Ligare fell ill of the prevailing epidemic immediately upon landing, but in spite of privations and hardships, his good, youthful English blood brought him through to recovery. The large amount of calomel administered to him caused all the hair to come out of his head, and his limbs to swell, and for many months after his recovery his limbs caused him much pain and inconvenience.

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It was his intention to visit his brother, Charles W. Ligare, then serving as the First Surveyor-General of New Zealand, but he could find no vessel on the Western Atlantic Coast that would take him in that direction. He embarked at Georgetown on the small brig "Dromo," Captain Pickering, for Old Salem, Massachusetts, where he hoped to find a whaler bound for the South Seas. He three times narrowly escaped being shipwrecked. Not finding a whaler at Salem, he successively visited in this quest Boston, New London, New Bedford and New York. In the latter city he fell in with Eliazer Williams, the pretended Dauphin of France. In company with Williams, he traveled West to visit the Indians. They went by canal to Oneida, New York, where they visited the remnants of tribes on the Reservation. Proceeding onward, they took a steamer at Buffalo, by which they reached Mackinaw. Here they chartered a small sail-boat, and after narrowly escaping shipwreck at Ashwishwa and at North and unfortunate business career during the days of slavery in Demerara are intensely interesting. He was successful in business, but the emancipation of the slaves in the British West Indies caused a great depreciation in trade and values, and he was glad to sell out his interest in the market for a mere song, and get out of the country. About this time, he had a second attack of yellow fever, which hastened his determination to remove. When he went to Demerara, slavery was in existence to its full extent, and the arrival of cargoes of slaves was of frequent occurrence, and later gatherings of them were landed there by foreign men-of-war. Though the slaves in the British West Indies were emancipated by the British Government by Compensation Emancipation, they had to serve three years apprenticeship before they were entirely free. Mr. Ligar saw all the workings of this, but it proved the ruin of the planters, and when he left plantations could be purchased for less than the cost of machinery, because they could not be run profitably with free negro labor. Then coolies were imported from India, but the climate killed most of them soon after their arrival at Georgetown.

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During this year, he made his home part of the time with Dr. Darling, of Fond du Lac. At Fox Lake (now Waushara), Wisconsin, he met Hamilton Stevens, a land speculator and capitalist from Old Mexico, and a friend of Almonte. From him Mr. Ligare secured a sub-contract to carry the mail from Fond du Lac to Portage, which he carried out during the succeeding sum- mer, making the trips on the back of a pony. This pony he rode into Chicago in the autumn of 1845, his possessions also including at that time $16 in cash. He put up at the old Sherman House, and by the time his resources were exhausted, he secured employment, through the influence of Augustus Garrett, then Mayor of Chicago, with Sylvester Lynd, a dealer in lumber on Market Street. Shortly after, he went with George Armour to Ottawa, Illinois, where Mr. Armour had a contract on the canal. He employed Mr. Ligare as a clerk in his store at that point, but after several months the latter returned to the service of Mr. Lynd, in Chicago, by whom he was employed as before.

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During the last twenty-eight years, Mr. Ligare has been practically retired from active business. In 1876 he purchased property in Glencoe, where he has completed a handsome residence, which was first built by Waiter S. Gurney, laid out with beautiful grounds, containing many imported trees, among them being specimens of Scotch fir and elm, English linden, maple and many varieties of pine, which have no equal in the state. The home is called "Maple Lodge," and impresses every beholder with its beauty and elegance.

Mr. Ligare was married, at what is now River Forest, Illinois, to Miss Elizabeth Gray Steele, daughter of Ashbel and Harriet (Dawley) Steele, the former a native of Connecticut, and the latter an Englishwoman. Mrs. Ligare received her first schooling from Miss Eliza Chappell, who was the first public-school teacher in Chicago, and afterward became the wife of Rev. Jeremiah Porter, the first Protestant clergyman in Chicago. Mrs. Ligare was born in 1829, in Rochester, New York, and came to Chicago in 1833. Four of her children grew to maturity, namely: Ashbel George, Charles Albert, Edward Francis and Lizzie Louise. The latter is now the wife of Lewis B. Mayo. Mrs. Ligare was reared an Episcopalian, and was a devoted mother and well esteemed for her many noble qualities. She died in 1886, aged fifty-seven years.

Upon the death of Mrs. Ligare, the Glencoe Woman's Library Club issued the following: "As a friend and neighbor, as a member of our village church, of the Ladies' Prayer-meeting and Woman's Library Club, we have known and loved Mrs. Ligare. We count hers a full life, which has despised selfish ease, a life whose powers have been largely used in the quiet of the home, beside the cradle and sick-bed, in loving ministrations. On her tongue was the law of kindness; her friendliness and her Christian hospitality em- braced all. Her life has enriched ours. Her death brings heaven nearer."

Mr. Ligare's present wife, Lily Ruth, is the seventh daughter of Conrad and Louise (Slifer) Collipp, of Silver Lake, Portage, Columbia County, Wisconsin. She is a musician and also an artist of ability. Her musical talent is inherited from her father, who was a native of Hesse-Cassel, Germany, and a man of very refined tastes and rare intellectual attainments. Two children have blessed the second marriage of Mr. Ligare, named, respectively, George Collipp and Ruth. FRANCIS A. DANIELS - TO THIS LUMBER CAMP AFTER CIVIL WAR

While a resident of Michigan, Mr. Ligare was appointed Postmaster at Ford River, Michigan, in 1855, and held that position until 1867, proving a most efficient officer, as is testified by his long incumbency in that capacity. During those years he was the intimate friend of honorable Peter White, a banker and capitalist of Marquette, Michigan, through whose influence he was made Postmaster, and was also authorized by statute to organize Delta County, Michigan, which he did in 1859. He was instrumental in locating the county seat at Sand Point (now Escanaba), and exerted great influence in the management of public affairs.

It was not until about the time of the Civil War, that Mr. Ligare became a full citizen of the United States. He had, however, taken an intelligent interest in the course of events and the conduct of public affairs, preserving an independent position in all partisan quarrels. He was ready to fulfill all obligations, and stood the draft three times in one year. When his name was found among the drafted, at the third drawing, he procured a substitute, which was not required of him. The large number of families dependent upon his business made it imperative that he remain at home and aid in furnishing men for the field. Being Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, it devolved upon him to make out the list of those subject to draft in the county. As numerous citizens had fled to the lumber region to avoid the draft at other points, his impartiality led many to look with desperate disfavor upon him, and the lawless element only lacked a courageous leader to

put him out of the way. But he did his duty fearlessly, which he has always done in every position held by him.

Mr. Ligare is a man of independent thought and action, and while he does not bind himself to religious or political organizations, he is ever ready to further anything calculated to contribute to general welfare. He has always taken a keen interest in the Masonic order and its work. He joined La Fayette Lodge, the first organization of the order in Chicago, soon after becoming a resident of the city. He is at present affiliated with Garden City Lodge, and with his lodge occupied a position of honor at the dedication of the Masonic Temple of Chicago. He is now a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Illinois, and occupies an influential position in the fraternity, and also of another early institution known as the Mechanics' Institute. The following extract indicates the esteem in which Mr. Ligare is held by his associates, he having been President of the Village Council of Glencoe for five years:

"Be it remembered, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the village of Glencoe, held April 1, 1894, the following was by unanimous vote adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be, and that the same is, hereby extended to George G. Ligare, retiring President of the village of Glencoe, for his uniform kindness and impartial ruling as such President for and during the year now closing, and that the Clerk deliver a copy of this resolution to George G. Ligare. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the village of Glencoe, this second day of April, A. D. 1884.
(Signed) "JOHN DAY,
"Village Clerk."

-- Submitted by Sherri Hessick (thessick@flash.net)

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The Steele's store sold a few foods, household essentials, and special items that could be ordered. Maple sugar, flour, and pepper were always available. They were sold by weight and wrapped in brown paper. Tobacco was a popular item. It was sold bit by bit, and then also weighed for price.

When the Steeles decided upon the location for their home, Mr. Steele immediately sent a large order to a nursery in Rochester for fruit trees, hard maples and white pines trees, currant and gooseberry bushes, ornamental shrubs, and bulbs to contribute to the beauty of the setting.

Across the south side of the meadow chosen, a large orchard was planted. There were at least eight varieties of apple trees, besides crabapple, plum, pear, mulberry, and peach trees. As the years passed, this orchard produced great quantities of fine fruit.

Ashbel Steele never plowed or grazed his land (except for his neighbor's pigs, which he allowed to be turned loose on his property), thereby preserving the abundance of native flowers and grasses that have disappeared from other parts of Illinois. At the same time, he can be blamed for introducing non-native species into the area which have spread and, in many cases, overwhelmed native plants.

In the early days of the gold rush to California (1852), Julius Augustus Steele (Ashbel's son) left his home in Chicago and went west to Sonoma County, California, where he married Mrs. Elizabeth Norton White, a widow with one daughter, Lucy. Mrs. Elizabeth Norton Steele was the first woman doctor of Sonoma County, and one of the first women to receive a license to practice medicine from the State of California.

Ashbel Stele was a builder by trade, and erected some of the early buildings in River Forest, one of the last being the old Harlem School building constructed in 1860 at Lake Street and Park Avenue. The Harlem School was a two-story brick and stone building, an outstanding, functional and architectural achievement for a school structure. It contained its own well water and individual room stoves for heat, and was constructed to be as "fire safe" as possible. It was the largest school building of its time between Chicago and Elgin. It served not only River Forest, but Maywood, Forest Park, and Oak Park, or what are now those municipalities.

One of Mr. Steele's granddaughters described him as a "slender man, about five feet-ten inches of the Uncle Sam type." She said he was jovial and kindhearted, but firm in a stand which he believed was right. This often was demonstrated while sheriff of this frontier county, and in the community where his home was the center of much activity; business, social and political.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Steele contributed to the development of the River Forest community, Mrs. Steele devotedly labored for the establishment of secular and non-secular education, whereas Mr. Steele's varied interests emphasized political, business and social progress. Ashbel Steele died September 26, 1861, at approximately 67 years of age.

Genealogical Data On

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Syracuse, New York Canada

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JULUS AUGUSTUS STEELE -- ELIZABETH (NORTON) STEELE

Data gathered by their granddaughter, Blanche (Willis) Allen

My grandfather, "J. A." STEELE was born about 1822 in Syracuse, New York to Ashbel (7841f) STEELE (see "Descendants Governor BRADFORD" pg. 377) and Ashbel´s 1st wife, Mary (or Matrha) CLARKE. He grew up around Chicago, Illinois (see accompanying stories) and in Chicago, about 1845, he married Elizabeth NORTON, widow of Sylvester WHITE, and by him having 1 small daughter, Lucy WHITE. Elizabeth (NORTON) STEELE was born 31 January 1823 in Canada at the old NORTON homestead near London. Her mother was Elizabeth (BURHART) NORTON, a daughter of an Elizabeth BEHR who married a BURHART. (Elizabeth (BURHART) NORTON born 1791, died 1876. Elizabeth (NORTON) STEELE´S paternal grandfather, Daniel NORTON did service in the Revolutionary War. Elizabeth´s parents lived in the territory below what is now the Canadian-United States border but her grandmother was a "doctress" and Elizabeth (BURHART) NORTON, for her baby deliveries, crossed the border to her mother-in-law.

Elizaeth (NORTON) STEELE died about 1898 and is buried in Los Angeles, California. Her tombstone carries the name HAMLET, as she married a 3rd time late in life, raising a step-daughter we called "Aunt Mattie."

"J. A." and Elizabeth crossed the plains in 1852 and settled in (Sonoma) California. (Story of crossing now being assembled). They had 6 children:

1a. Frances Cecelia STEELe born 1 November 1847 in Ashbel´s home in Chicago. Died 22 April 1895, Binnetts Valley near Santa Rosa, California. Married 5 January 1865 to Holman TALBOT, vineyardist. Had 3 children, all daughters.

2b. Emma Margaret STEELE, born 30 November 1848, Green Bay, Michigan (now Wisconsin). Died 19 March 1893 Point Arena (Mendocino) California. Married 1862 Rev. Francis Marion WILLIS born 28 February 1831 at Carmi (White) Illinois. Died 3 December 1918 Pacific Grove (Monterey) California. Both buried in the Conference Cemetery on Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove.
Had 9 children.

3c. Erasmus Darwin STEELE, covered wagon baby, born 1852 near Genoa, Nevada. Died 18 October 1908 (Del Norte) California. Married Sara Elizabeth WINTON. They had 3 children.

4d. Clarence Augustus STEELE born 18 October 1854 at Valley of the Moon, Glen Ellen (Sonoma) California. Died 11 November 1925. Married 4 August 1878 (Del Norte) Esther Ann KIRKPATRICK. Had 9 children.

5e. Julius Ashbel STEELE (twin) born 24 May 1859. Died 9 September 1888 in railway accident. Married Frances ASHLEY, had 2 children who died young. Widow remarried.

6f. Julia Antoinette STEELE (twin) "Aunt Midge" born 24 May 1859 (Sonoma) California. Died 1 February 1946. Buried Los Angeles. This pair twins 1st registered in (Sonoma). Aunt Midge married about 1881/2 Frank Bartlett WILLETS born 25 November 1853, died 6 April 1920. Buried in Los Angeles. Early fireman in Los Angeles. Had 1 son, Walter WILLETS, born 13 January 1883.

Below is a letter I received 27 June 1955 from Edward P. BENJAMIN whose address is 1812 21st Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois. He is secretary for a historical society in Maywood, Illinois. His name was sent me by Mrs. Mary BYRSON, who is employed by the Institute of American Genealogists of South Dearborn Street, Chicago. I have been about 2 years trying to learn where my great-grandfather, Ashbel STEELE was buried. This is the answer. Blanche (WILLIS ALLEN, Rt. 2, #749, Modesto, California

My dear Mrs. ALLEN: There are several BENJAMINS here-about and your letter had a hard trip. I am sorry to report that we do not have any material re Ashbel STEELE in our files . . . There is a famous library in Chicago for genealogical material, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton, Chicago.

Our only reference reads: Ashbel STEELE, Sheriff of (Cook). Term expired 1843. Retired to his home in Proviso Township, Illinois.

I called up a Sidney J. STEELE of 1139 Lathrop Avenue, River Forest, Illinois and learned that there were 2 Ashbels: his grandfather and his father. His grandfather Ashbel was 1st buried in a family plot on his tract of land which was on the east bank of the Desplaines River, adjacent to River Forest. Later when the weeded part was sold to the Forest Preserve, his remains were removed to the family lot in Section 1, Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois. By the time Sidney STEELE'S father, Ashbel Jr. had passed away, the area had settled enough to warrant a public cemetery. The STEELE plot is marked by a large, old-style monument, bearing the legend, STEELE.

It may interest you to learn that I was born in a cottage on a few leased acres in STEELE´S Woods (1888). The house was not a particularly large one and a George STEELE lived there. A John STEELE had a castle-like house on the west bank of the Desplaines River adjacent to Maywood and my grandfather was a neighbor. The PORTERS you mention also lived close-by. Grandfather rented the PORTER farm just prior to moving into Maywood in 1869.

NORTON is a familiar name here too . . . Ed NORTON lived in Maywood. He and his brother manufactured tin cans. Sidney STEELE was connected with them. They had a large plant called the American Can Company but later they split and founded the Continental Can Company.

I would like to present the material you sent me to our Historical Society. I have directed you to some of your "folks" and you may continue your inquiries with them, if you wish.

Yours very truly,
Edward P. BENJAMIN

Our grandmother, Elizabeth (NORTON) STEELE, daughter-in-law to Sheriff Ashbel . . . was married in Chicago to Grandfather Julius Augustus STEELE. Grandmother had a brother, Ed NORTON and I believe an uncle Ed NORTON. The Continental Can Ed NORTON above, was doubtless some of her family. I have pictures of Ed NORTON and his uncle John NORTON (Grandmother´s uncle also). They looked exactly alike and really handsome men . . . behind their beards.
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Report by Blanche (WILLIS) ALLEN 22 July 1955

The ensuing article, recently received by me (B.W.A.) from Sidney J. STEELE of 1139 Lathrop Avenue, River Forest, Illinois is taken from a newspaper: River Forest Leaves and Oak Park Digest, Vol. XXIX, No. 21, 21 May 1936. The story was occasioned by a Centenary Celebration honoring early settlers of that community and especially that of my great-grandfather Ashbel STEELE, early coroner, sheriff and canal builder of nearby Chicago. A letter accompanying the newspapers said: "Ashbel STEELE was my grandfather. He was born in 1794 and died in 1861. His wife, Harriet [this report gives surname as RAWLEY but other sources give name as DAWLEY] STEELE was born in 1809 and died in 1895. Both were buried 1st in the STEELE burial plot on the old homestead; then when the land was sold to the Forest Preserve, they were moved to Forest Home Cemetery in Forest Park, Illinois. Most of the smaller headstones had gone to pieces for the only headstone moved was Ashbel STEELES and on that the inscription is about worn off. My father´s name" (continues Sidney J. STEELE) "was Ashbel John STEELE. He was born in 1850 and died in 1915."

Sidney J. STEELE then comments on his advanced age, his inability to answer my questions to him (in a previous letter) and commends to me the subjoined article by Emma L. ROBINSON who was alive in 1836 and wrote the article and he believed it was authentic as she lived in Ashbel´s old homestead until she grew up and he believed knew well the family history. I shall copy all of her article but as she gave 1st our Ashbel´s predecessors then broke into a column of description of the homestead and again returned to Ashbel´s descendants, I shall give all the genealogical data in our 1st pages and the homestead description in a 2nd part. Part I starts thus:

INTIMATE STORY OF ASHBEL STEELE AND HIS FAMILY - PART I

Mrs. Emma L. ROBINSON, author of this article, was a granddaughter of Ashbel STEELE, first settler here. Her mother was Clara Harriet STEELE who married Elijah BROWN, member of a pioneer family in Oak Park. Mrs. ROBINSON is probably the only living person who lived in the home of Ashbel STEELE and knew him intimately. Her father died when she was small and she and her mother went to live at the STEELE home, where she grew to womanhood. The intimate story she has written here is most illuminating.

By Emma L. ROBINSON

That the STEELES were born pioneers needs but a glance back over the centuries for confirmation. The first to adventure to the new world were George and John STEELE, born in Essex, England. They were the sons of William STEELE, English Baron, and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. With a grant of land from the English crown, they arrived in 1631, settling 1st in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A few years later, George moved to Hartford, Connecticut where he is listed as a proprietor of lands in 1639.

From there they went to Derby, Connecticut near which they built a home, shops and a mill on STEELE´S Creek. It was in this home that our Ashbel was born in 1794. Ashbel STEELE´S grandfather was Captain Ashbel BRADFORD STEELE. His wife was Eunice THOMPSON, sister of Colonel THOMPSON, Commander of George WASHINGTON´S bodyguard and every male member of the STEELE family old enough to carry a gun fought for Liberty in the Revolutionary War. When Ashbel grew to manhood, he was associated with his father in the milling and building industry.

(Note by B.W.A.: Mrs. ROBINSON may not have known this, but about 1821 or 1822, Ashbel STEELE married Mary (or Martha) CLARK or CLARKE of Syracuse, New York (Onondaga) [her name given as Cecelia Frances in will of her father, Frederick CLARKE] and about 1823 their only child, Julius Augustus STEELE, our grandfather, was born. His mother died at his birth or soon after. He crossed the plains in 1852,

settled in (Sonoma) California and D.A.R. cemetery records indicate he is buried in the Guernville Cemetery (pg. 54), his tombstone reading: "J. A. STEELE, died 20 October 1876, ae 54 years" which would make him born about 1822. Now to continue Mrs. ROBINSON´S account . . .)

About 1825, Ashbel moved to Rochester, New York where he met and married Harriet DAWLEY (or RAWLEY (?) BWA) in 1827 . . . Mrs. STEELE who was short and slender was (according to 1 of her older sisters) quite a beauty when she was young. Toward middle age she grew heavy but still remained a fine looking woman. . . (28 May 1836 number of the River Forest Leaves, etc. paper.) Now for their children . . . same number):

The Ashbel STEELE pioneer family numbered 10 children (by Harriet, B.W.A.) namely: Elizabeth Gray, Frances Cecelia, Eunice Ann, Clara Harriet (Mrs. Emma L. ROBINSON´S mother), Sarah Hannah, Emma Jane, Mary Adaline [transcriber note: she always used name of Mary Alice], Ashbel John, Eunice Ann and George Earnest. The 2nd Eunice Ann was named for her sister Eunice Ann who died at the age of 8. Of this humber, none are now (1936) alive. The descendants of Ashbel and Harriet STEELE are widely scattered throughout the United States. Among them: Sidney John STEELE (BWA note: who sent me these newspaper reports) a grandson of Ashbel (from here on, VERY confusing but copied as written. BWA) and his 2 sons, great-grandsons, Lewis B. MAYO, great-grandson and his son, great-grandson Robert and Harriet LIGARE, great-grandchldren and a goodly number of PORTERS great- and great-great-grandchildren have returned in recent years to River Forest . . . to Edward Francis LIGARE, deceased in 1935, youngest son of Elizabeth Gray LIGARE and oldest daughter of Ashbel STEELE, we are in debt for a most complete collection of dates, historical events and reminiscences from old settlers, relative to Pioneer Days in River Forest and for the completion of the STEELE genealogy in December 1934. The children attended country school but as they reached the limits of that school, each daughter so desiring attended Miss DEARBORN´S Academy in Chicago. All children musical . . . playing piano or flute. Two of the children, Clara Harriet (born 1853) and Ashbel John (born 1842) were born on what is now the courthouse square in Chicago while his father was Sheriff. The other 5 were born in the River Forest home, Sarah Hannah being born in 1836, was the 1st born there.

HISTORICAL SKETCH FROM RIVER FOREST LEAVES

by Mrs. Emma L. ROBINSON

Concerning ASHBEL STEELE

3 June 1936 number of River Forest Leaves,
by the editor:

In the year 1836, Ashbel STEELE, coroner of (Cook) Illinois bought land in what is now River Forest, built a rather pretentious home for that period on the east side of the Desplaines River, bringing his family here to reside. He thus beame the 1st permanent settler in this community and gave us the right to celebrate our Centennial in 1936.

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Mrs Emma L. ROBINSON'S story of Ashbel STEELE - continued:

About 1825, Ashbel STEELE moved to Rochester, New York where he met and married in 1827 Harriet DAWLEY. It was to furnish their new home that (on their wedding trip to New York City) they purchased "the beautiful mahogany furniture and the first piano" known to River Forest.

In 1833, the pioneer spirit again urged a STEELE westward, this time to Chicago. A covered wagon was not a necessity for Mr. STEELE arranged to move his family and household goods by sailboat. . . the easiest and safest mode of travel at that date. He traveled overland on horseback, expecting to arrive far ahead of the sailboat and to have ample time to make ready for the arrival of his famly. By singular coincidence, (whether favoring winds sped the boat. . . or dimly marked trails through primeval forest delayed the horseman has never been explained) as Mr. STEELE approached Fort Dearborn, he ws amazed to see the boat carrying his family just lowering sail and dropping anchor. A little group of women and chldren were standing on deck, gazing expectantly toward shore, when their attention was attracted to a strange man . . . bearded, hair wild and unshorn, clothes tattered and torn . . . wildly shouting and waving his arms. Mrs. STEELE viewed the man with a cold eye, and said, "Who do you suppose that wild creature is?" It was ASHBEL!

The date of the STEELE'S arrival in Chicago was in the early summer of 1833. There they stayed for 3 years while a search was made for a fine location (for a home). Mr. STEELE built the 1st brick house in Chicago and acted as coroner there in 1834.

At long last, a location was found . . . land crossed by a fine river . . . highlands and lowlands . . . magificant untouched forest . . . meadow-like openings in those woods . . . a spot 200 feet south of the old Chicago stagecoach road (now no longer existant) westward . . . decided the location of the house, designed as a combination of home and (temporarily) a general store.

The 1st River Forest home was generously planned and built with beautiful lumber sawed at the mill on the homestead half a mile away where the logs were cut.

The floors were of hickory which in the course of years took on a polish like glass. The 1st great beams were of oak; the locks and keys hand-made; the exterior of the house clapboards, which were kept whitewashed. Two big fireplaces, 1 in the living room, the other in the kitchen . . . defied the cold and cooked the food. For many years the household used homemade candles; later camphere lamps and then oil lamps for light. Against the entire west side of the house there was built a long wide rustic porch with a smooth level floor where the family and their friends delighted to dance. The porch columns were bark-covered tree trunks. Over the pergola-like open top, wild grapevines spread a charming leafey bower.

On the south wall of the house, but extending beyond toward the east was a large brick cellar with a storeroom above. The walls of the cellar were sunk 4 feet under ground level and the earth banked 3 feet above ground level . . . along the south side of this cellar, filled during the winter season with vegetables and apples. Barrels filled with salt pork and corned beef in brine stood at the east and under a small window which was covered in winter as was also the outside door. Along the north wall were racks of preserves, jams, jellies, applebutter, bottled green gooseberries, etc. Somewhere was a store of wines for wine was always served to guests but only on special occasions to the family. Beneath the preserves were the pickles "put down" in huge stone crocks covered with large stone-china plates and weighted with heavy stones. In this same company, packed in salt, were eggs in large quantities and firkins of butter and lard for winter use. Above the cellar, a storeroom (reached by a flight of outside stairs) contained festoons of seed corn, red and yellow; popcorn and in later years, sweet corn, all hung from the rafters. Also hanging there were great bunches of dried herbs. On the floor, heaps of nuts. . . 2 kinds of hickory, butternuts and walnuts, were spread to dry.

As the years passed, many relics such as the old Montezuma Inn sign with its picture of General Winfield SCOTT, an old stoneware churn, hoopskirts, a baby's cradle, 2 sidesaddles, carpet bags, hair trunks and boot jacks came to rest at the east end of the room.

The woodshed joined the kitchen on the south and provided a convenient approach to within a few steps of the pump which raised decidely cold drinking water from the depths of the well. At the west side of the kitchen was a large brick-lined cistern which kept the household copiously supplied with soft water. South from the kitchen was the smokehouse. Here hams were cured with hickory wood smoke and great slabs of beef were dried. From the ashes accumulated in the smokehouse, lye was leached to make the family supply of soft soap. Near the front of the smokehouse was a great brass kettle . . . black velvet inside but like shining gold outside used on occasions when large quantities were cooked. Just east of this spot was a fair-sized tool house.

In addition to these buildings, there was also a large barn on the back of which large pegs held the heavy harness. There were also bins for grain and sheds for machinery and vehicles. There were also, further away, pig pens and chicken houses. Between the tool house and corn cribs were the asparagus beds, 2 long rows of rhubarb and a row of horseradish.

No one thought of calling Ashbel STEELE an artist but certain it is that the products of his brain and hand came forth good-to-use and fine-to-view. When he landscaped the grounds, he interplanted with foreign plants so cleverly that they appeared native growth. From hawthorn, wild crabapples, wild plum, wahoo and wild gooseberry bushes interlaced with wild grapevines, he contrived 2 long hedges of great beauty. The roads to the house were curved and circling a beautiful barberry bush, approached the mounting block and the front door. The mounting block was the stump of a giant oak cut to form wide steps to the top of the block.

The graveyard was located on the bank above the brook in a large square of ground. It was surrounded by a black hawthorne hedge and a white picket fence. Beneath a spreading tree, the STEELE monument . . . now in Forest Home Cemetery . . . stood in the middle of the lot which gradually became populated with the dead. Little Eunice Ann, who was a month-old baby when she arrived in Chicago, died at the age of 8 years and was the 1st to be buried in that peaceful spot.

Other excerpts from Mrs. ROBINSON´S Historical Sketches:

Ashbel STEELE was a slender, lightweight man, about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, of the "Uncle Sam" type. He was kindly, generous, sympathetic and gifted with a sense of humor. His home was always a center of hospitality. He had little time for reading but managed to keep abreast of the times. His favorite newspaper was the "Albany Journal" (BWA query: Albany, New York ?) which he subscribed to as long as he lived and read aloud evenings to his family. His favorite diversion was hunting. His daughters, too, especially Frances, loved to hunt with him. (Mrs. ROBINSON then tells a story of Frances being bitten by a rattlesnake and her father´s saving her by sucking the wound and applying fresh quail meat poultices; she relates also his medical skill during a cholera epidemic.)

Another story is repeated, 1st told by an early Chicagoan: In 1840 while Ashbel STEELE was sheriff of (Cook), violence arose at the polls and the sheriff, a resolute officer, having arrested a man for fighting, placed him in jail. A mob headed by a judge of the Supreme Court (BWA: Superior Court ?) it was said, went to the jaul where he ordered the prisoner´s release. Supporters of Sheriff STEELE had also gathered to lend aid if necessary. His determined front stopped all further disturbance for to the Judge Ashbel STEELE said, "Your honor, any attempt on your part to exercise authority outside your courtroom will not be recognized here, and if any man attacks the jail, he will be killed!"

The old brick schoolhouse now (1936) standing at the northwest corner of Lake Street (then known as Eigin Road) and Park Avenue was . . . if not the LAST . . . at least 1 of the last buildings erected by Ashbel STEELE. It was completed by 1860 and Mr. STEELE died in 1861.

Compare this story with the same story told by another grandchild of Sheriff Ashbel STELE . . . though not so well told . . . that is Julie Antoinette (STEELE) WILLETS . . . called by us "Aunt Midge" in papers accompanying this "round-up" of AShbel STEELE and BRADFORD historical material. Aunt Midge´s story deals mostly with her father and mother crossing the plains and settling in (Sonoma). Her father, Julius Augustus STEELE was Ashbel´s son by his first marriage. Blanche (WILLIS) ALLEN

Included in Mrs. Blanche (WILLIS) ALLEN´S report is the following chart of ancestors. It was handwritten and is transcribed as accurately as possible.

ANTECEDENTS OF JULIUS AUGUSTUS STEELE

See: BRADFORD Descendants Vol. I (Hall)

(this is just brief - to save your looking it up. BWA)

William (1) BRADFORD - "Mayflower"
William (2) BRADFORD and married (1) Alice RICHARDS

Melitiah (3) BRADFORD married John (4) STEELE
(James (3), George (2), William (1)

73C Ebenezer (4) STEELE married Susannah MERRILL

430-9 Captain Bradford STEELE married Mary PERKINS

2205-C Ashbel Bradford STEELE married Eunice THOMPSON

7842f Ashbel STEELE (name has been reported as Julius Ashbel STEELE - never used the Julius but named 1st child (1st marriage) my grandfather, Julius Augustus STEELE - who always went by initials "J. A." but he too fastened Julius and Julia on his last born twins: Julia Antoninette and Julius Ashbel STEELE)

7842f Ashbel STEELE married Mary or Martha Clark (or CLARKE) born in Scotland [her name given as Cecilia Frances in will of father, Frederick CLARKE]

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had 1 child - our grandfather,
Julius Augustus STEELE married Elizabeth NORTON and had 2nd Emma Margaret STEELE (my mother) who married (Sonoma) California my father, Rev. Francis Marion WILLIS and had me, (8th child) Blanche (WILLIS) ALLEN

FAMILY OF: STEELE

ARMS; Argent, a bend chequy sable and ermine between two lions´ heads erased gules, a chief azure.

CREST: Out of a DUCAL CORONET or, a demi-ostrich, wings endorsed gules.

MOTTO: None recorded for English lines. The Scotch Branch added: Prudentia et animis (by prudence and courage) and this has been used by the English lines.

AUTHORITY: BURKE´S "General Armory," 1878 edition, page 967.
MATTHEWS´ "American Armory," 1906 edition, page 71.

Tinctures as shown by description: The lower division of the shield is of silver, the upper, known as the chief, blue.

The bend, which crosses the shield diagonally, is of checques of black and ermine. Ermine is white, charged with black ermine shots. The lions´ heads are of red; the mantle and wreath are of red and silver. The coronet is of gold, the demi-ostrich red.

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Before me, the undersigned authority, in this day personally appeared George C. MARTIN of the firm of MARTIN & ALLARDYCE of P.O. Box 6126, Harlandale Station, in San Antonio, (Bekar) Texas, who took oath that the insignia above described appears in the published heraldic authorities above mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 18th day of November, A. D. 1953 (1953).

Mary N. POTTER
Notary Public in and for (Bekar) Texas

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Ashbel Steele

Data supplied by his gt. granddaughter -
Mrs. James K. Allen, Modesta, Cal. Rt. 2 Box 749.
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Ashbel Steele was buried in a small family grave yard on his farm (1861) which farm was later sold to the Forest Preserve - Then the bodies and a large monument with the name STEELE engraved on it were moved to Forest Home Cemetery (on Des Plaines Ave.)

His second wife was Harriet Dawley (1809-1895) They had ten children.

Ashbel Steele descended from George Steele who came to America (Mass-to Conn.) 1631 George (with brother John) was a son of William Steele an English Baron, born Essex, Eng. who was for a time Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

George Steele's grandson, John, married Meletiah Bradford a grand dau. of Gov. Wm Bradford.

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Martha F. Horton (Mrs. J.H.)
190 Pinehurst Lane NE
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July 9, 1995

Fran Wooley
886 Lacosta Lane
N. Ft. Myers, FL 33917

Dear Fran;

Enclosed is a family group sheet for Bradford Steele Jr., showing Ashbel Steele, b. 8 Aug 1793, as his son. You will be able to see my references.

One book I found very helpful was "Seymore Past and Present", which is about the town of Seymore, CT. This was part of Derby before it broke off on its own. This book I got on microfilm from the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints family history center on inter-library loan from Salt Lake City, UT. You must have one of these family history centers in your area. They are most helpful.

The Ashbel Steel, b. 3 Aug 1757, was his uncle, brother to Bradford Steele Jr. Their Father was Bradford Steeld (Capt.) and he is the one married to Eunice Thompson.

I am sorry I do not have any more information on Ashbel, however I have proven this line back to William Bradford, Plymouth Colony and Mayflower. If you have proven your line up to Ashbel, and can prove him to Bradford Steele Jr. (I only have the one proof) and are interested in the Society of Mayflower Descendants, I will be happy to send you information on that. There is quite a bit of information to copy off and would appreciate postage of at least $2.50. You could also download this information off the computers at the Family History center if you have not already done that.

Hope this is helpful to you.

Regards,

Martha Horton

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Little Trunk Tells Story Of Life Pioneer Left Behind

Over the hills and far away men hear something calling. It isn't the slippered ease of a cozy hearth nor the perfumed bath of the plutocrat, but the high challenge of testing his powers against the unknown, feeling his own strength of achievement, savoring freedom from other men's impositions, that sends men seeking what lies beyond the hills. For these things men will go to the ends of the earth and endure untold hardships.

More than a hundred years ago a young man of the east heard the high call. Beyond the hills was freedom and opportunity, the heady excitement of the unknown. Leaving behind the comparative ease and comfort of the settled states Ashbel Steele turned his face to that little outpost at the turn of Lake Michigan, called Chicago. He was travelling by horseback, but sent his wife and children by boat as a safer mode of travel, but even at that he got here as soon as they did.

Typical of all he was leaving behind was the little trunk that held his clothes, now bearing mute witness to the elegance of the past as it sits unused but not forgotten in the attic at 315 Keystone, where Mrs. Edward F. Ligare has kept it all these years since it was passed on to her husband, Ashbel Steele's grandson.

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A little wooden box about 12 by 17 inches long, the trunk was designed to be just the length of a shirt bosom, symbol of all the travelers were leaving behind, keeping it smooth and unwrinkled. However, it bore other marks of the time. It was sturdy and well-built to stand rough handling. Covered with hide now worn smooth, it is studded with brass-headed nails set in a pattern on the re-enforcing strips and protecting the corners from buffets.

Mr. Steele brought it to Chicago in 1833 when Fort Dearborn was a gay outpost in the wilderness. In 1836 he brought it to River Forest, where he and his descendants have lived since.

When River Forest celebrated its centennial in 1936 the little trunk was on display in the collection of relics associated with the history of River Forest in the River Forest Masonic Temple building. So far as Mrs. Ligare knows that is the only time it has been exhibited.

The trunk came to Mr. Ligare when his uncle, George Steele, son of Ashbel Steele, died not so many years ago after having lived in the old family homestead most of his life.

Another relic of great interest that came to Mr. Ligare was a mirror that used to hang in Fort Dearborn. Ashbel Steele was sheriff at the time General Whistler, brother of the famous artist Whistler, was in command at Fort Dearborn. Orders came for General Whistler to be transferred. He did not want to carry the heavy mirror, so sold it to Mr. Steele.

Over the mirror portion is a faded painting of the famous battle between the Constitution and the British frigate Guerriere, in which Commodore Isaac Hull captured and finally sank the Guerriere it was so destroyed by the American fire.

Mrs. Ligare has given the mirror to her niece, Mrs. Ralph W. Trimmer of Oak Park, who expects to have it restored.

Another relic of local interest that was on display with the trunk at the Centennial exhibition is a hat rack made from the horn of a deer. Mounted on a wooden plaque, the old horn has upheld many a hat, including those of various generations of Steeles, as Mr. and Mrs. Ligare used it almost from the beginning of their housekeeping. Mrs. Ligare's impression is that the deer was shot by Mr. Ligare's father. Others tell that it was shot by Ashbel Steele, his grandfather.

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DEATH NOTICES

DDLEMAN—Mrs. Marie Addleman of 1034 South Kenilworth, wife of Ovie Addleman; further details in another column.

HAPMAN—Mrs. Mary Halvey Chapman of 411 North Harvey, a village resident for the last five years and a member of The Nakama, died on Thanksgiving morning at Presbyterian hospital where she had been confined since August 1 of this year. Born in Vincennes, Ind., Mrs. Chapman lived in St. Louis until coming to Chicago eighteen years ago. She was the wife of John T. Chapman, who is engaged in the plywood industry in Chicago, and the sister of Mrs. Nelle Weiss, Mrs. Agnes Hales, Mrs. Minta Winters and Miss Edna Halvey, all of St. Louis. Miss Halvey has been living here with her sister for the past year. Services at the Osgood chapel on Friday night were conducted by Father Spring of St. Lucy's church and interment took place on Monday morning at St. Louis.

OERING—Mrs. Fannie E. Hart Doering, wife of Herman Doering of Woodstock, and sister of Mrs. Bessie Stitt of 1111 Wenonah, died Sunday, November 12 at Woodstock hospital, after a fall. Mrs. Doering was a member of the Woman's club of Woodstock, of Woodstock chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, and had been a member of Hope Mission Girls of Second Baptist church, Chicago, for more than forty years. Besides her husband and sister, she leaves a brother, James, of Chicago, and was the sister of the late Edward Mock of Broadview. Rev. Carl Winters of First Baptist church conducted the services, with interment in Montrose cemetery.

ANSEN—Nells Christian Hansen of 235 South Oak Park avenue, a village resident for twenty years, died early last Saturday morning at his home after several months' illness. Born in Denmark 87 years ago, Mr. Hanson came to this country as a young man and, until his retirement, was engaged in the tailoring trade. He was a member of the Danish Brotherhood. Surviving are his widow, Anna; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Laura Ronne, of the home address; two nieces and three nephews. Services on Monday afternoon took place at the Postlewait chapel, and interment followed at Mount Olive.

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HEYDUK—Miss Anna Heyduk of 301 South Humphrey, sister of Mrs. Edward F. Silha, died Sunday night at the Silha home after a month's illness. She had been ailing for some time. Miss Heyduk was born in Chicago and had made her home with her sister in Oak Park for about twenty years. She leaves only her sister and brother-in-law. Services took place Wednesday morning at the Sheldon chapel, with interment in the Bohemian National cemetery.

IRMIS—Mrs. Marie Irmis, mother of Benjamin Irmis of 851 North Harvey, died Sunday night at her son's home after a three weeks' illness. She was born 81 years ago in Bohemia, and was brought to this country when she was seven years old. Mrs. Irmis had lived the greater part of her life in Chicago, and came to Oak Park a few years ago to make her home with her son. Besides her son, Benjamin, she also leaves a son, Miles Irmis of Oak Park, and two daughters, Mrs. D. K. Tomajan of Highland Park and Mrs. A. W. Groth of Minneapolis. Services took place Wednesday afternoon at the Drechsler chapel, with interment in the Bohemian National cemetery. Mrs. Irmis was a survivor of the great Chicago fire, and had many vivid memories of the disaster. Her family lived on the famous Dekoven street, and their home was saved since the fire burned in the opposite direction. The family knew the O'Learys well.

MAMMEN—Miss Clara Mammen of 1103 Holley court, died October 25. Further information in another column.

MASTERSON—Frank E. Masterson of 418 Lake street, widely known real estate broker, died early Tuesday morning at West Suburban hospital after a two weeks' illness. Services will take place at 10:30 today (Thursday) at St. Edmund's, with interment in All Saints. Further details in the next issue of this paper.

MAYO—Mrs. Louise R., wife of Lewis B. Mayo of 307 Keystone, died Sunday morning at West Suburban hospital, after a two year illness.

SURBECK — Mrs. Elizabeth Surbeck, 79, of 611 North Humphrey, widow of John Surbeck, an architectural iron casting engineer, who died on November 13, passed away at the home of her step-daughter, Mrs. Thomas Thompson of 315 North Taylor, on Thursday afternoon of last week. She was a native of Germany. She also leaves two sons, William and John. Services on Monday were conducted at the Haggard chapel, and interment followed at Mount Emblem.

TUOHY—Katherine M., of 631 Van Buren, wife of the late James V. Tuohy. Services will take place at Ascension church today, Thursday with interment at Mount Carmel.

WACHTER—John A. Wachter, who for the past year and a half made his home with his son, Herbert, at 1140 North Kenilworth, died on Wednesday of last week. Born in Chicago in 1870, Mr. Wachter was a pioneer hardware and sheet metal manufacturer of Chicago. He retired in 1930 but when war broke out he felt that he should do his part, and although 74 years old, took a position as timekeeper with a Chicago war plant, where he performed his work with great efficiency, according to his employers, until the time of his death. Mr. Wachter resided in Chicago most of his life. Eighteen months ago he closed his Riverside

Mrs. L. Mayo Dies; Long Time Resident

Mrs. Louise R. Mayor, wife of Lewis B. Mayo of 307 Keystone, died on Sunday morning at West Suburban hospital. She had been in failing health for some time.

With her husband, Mrs. Mayo had been a resident of River Forest since 1898 and had a wide circle of friends in the community. Throughout her many years here, she was active in affairs of the River Forest Methodist church, of which she was a member, and formerly was chairman of one of its women's groups. She also was active in the River Forest Women's club, and recently became a life member.

Mrs. Mayo was born in Oshkosh, Wis., and lived in that city until the time of her marriage. Coming to River Forest to live, she enjoyed many social contacts and throughout her life, maintained an interest in her friends and community.

She leaves her husband, Lewis B. Mayo, and one son, Stanley L. Mayor of New Orleans, La., a granddaughter, Barbara; and one sister, Mrs. Martin Hansen of Oshkosh, and five brothers, William A., John W., Albert, and Otto Rankie, all of Wisconsin.

Services took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Postlewait chapel with interment in Mt. Emblem.

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Star Meeting

A stated meeting of Oak Park Chapter 539, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held in the Masonic Temple, 127 North Oak Park avenue, at 7:30 p.m., Friday. The newly installed officers will fill their stations for the first time. Immediately following the meeting, there will be refreshments and a social hour.

Complimentary cards will be played during the social hour.

Star circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Anderson, 426 North Taylor for a 1:30 dessert luncheon on Tuesday.

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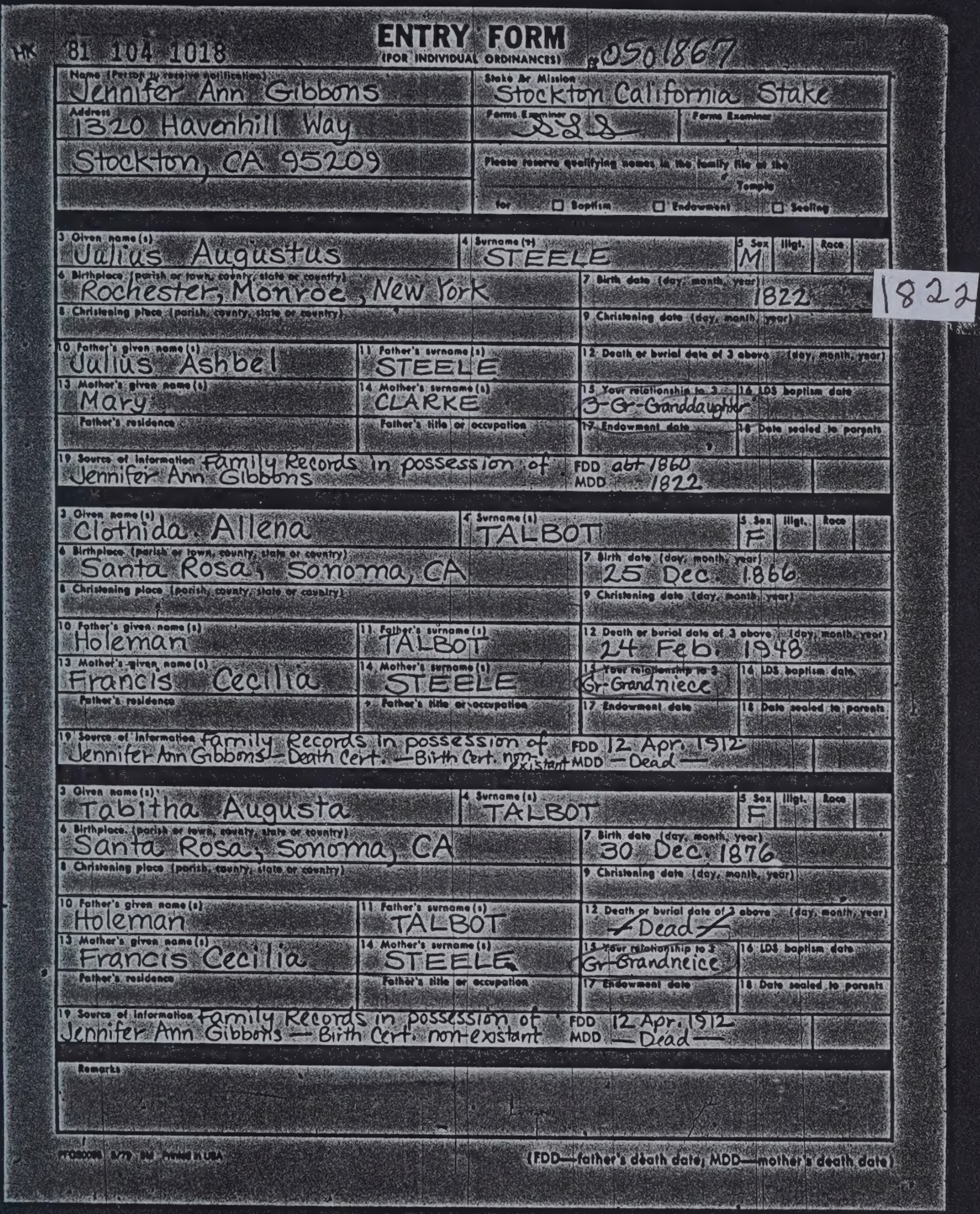

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Please reserve qualifying names in the family file at the ______ Temple for ☐ Baptism ☐ Endowment ☐ Sealing

3 Given name(s): Julius Augustus

4 Surname(s): STEELE

5 Sex: M

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6 Birthplace (parish or town, county, state or country): Rochester, Monroe, New York

7 Birth date (day, month, year): 1822

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8 Christening place (parish, county, state or country):

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10 Father's given name(s): Julius Ashbel

11 Father's surname(s): STEELE

12 Death or burial date of 3 above (day, month, year):

13 Mother's given name(s): Mary

14 Mother's surname(s): CLARKE

15 Your relationship to 3: 3-Gr-Granddaughter

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3 Given name(s): Clothida Allena

4 Surname(s): TALBOT

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6 Birthplace (parish or town, county, state or country): Santa Rosa, Sonoma, CA

7 Birth date (day, month, year): 25 Dec. 1866

8 Christening place (parish, county, state or country):

9 Christening date (day, month, year):

10 Father's given name(s): Holeman

11 Father's surname(s): TALBOT

12 Death or burial date of 3 above (day, month, year): 24 Feb. 1948

13 Mother's given name(s): Francis Cecilia

14 Mother's surname(s): STEELE

15 Your relationship to 3: Gr-Grandniece

16 LDS baptism date:

Father's residence:

Father's title or occupation:

17 Endowment date:

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19 Source of information: Family Records in possession of Jennifer Ann Gibbons — Death Cert. — Birth Cert. non-existant

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3 Given name(s): Tabitha Augusta

4 Surname(s): TALBOT

5 Sex: F

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6 Birthplace (parish or town, county, state or country): Santa Rosa, Sonoma, CA

7 Birth date (day, month, year): 30 Dec. 1876

8 Christening place (parish, county, state or country):

9 Christening date (day, month, year):

10 Father's given name(s): Holeman

11 Father's surname(s): TALBOT

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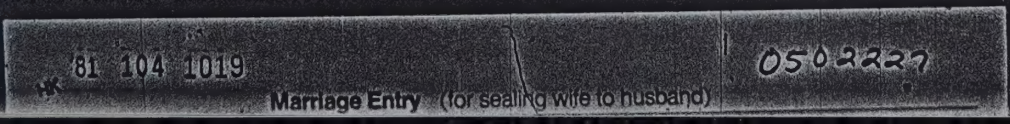

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1860, he was united in marriage with Delia Carrigan, a native of Ireland. The issue of said marriage is seven children: Thomas James, John Edward, Stephen P., Jennie, Laura Ann, Margaret Ellen and Emma Grace, all living at this writing. Thomas James married Miss Hattie, daughter of the late William R. Roberts. Laura Ann married W. B. Whitney, a prominent druggist of Healdsburg. In 1857 Mr. Cavanagh became a member of Sotoyome Lodge, No. 123, F. & A. M., also a member of Petaluma Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch Masons, and is high priest of the same at the present time. He was a member of Santa Rosa Commandery, No. 16, and a charter member of Mount Olivet Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar, and is captain general of said commandery at present. He is also a member of the Pioneer Association of the counties of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Lake and Mendocino, and was elected president of the association in the years 1876 and 1877. He has held the commission of notary public for the past twelve years. He has been a director of the Mutual Relief Association of Petaluma for eighteen years, or since its first organization, and has been an active member of the Petaluma fire department for the past twenty-five years.

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HARRY C. BROWN, one of the proprietors of the Sonoma Abstract Bureau, is a native of California, born in Oakland, Alameda County, twenty-four years ago. His father A. C. Brown, came to the State in 1854 from Columbus, Ohio, where he had carried on a wholesale boot and shoe manufactory, and a wholesale dry goods business for many years, In these enterprises he had been successful and had accumulated a large fortune. He was also engaged in the banking business there. He was originally from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and, after marrying, settled in Albany, New York, starting in life as a shoe cobbler, and rapidly developing into a large manufacturer. In 1840 he had a stock of goods on hand worth $10,000 which he bet against an equal value in cash on the election of General William Henry Harrison. He won, and it was the only bet or gaming he ever indulged in. He married a Miss Taylor, a native of Zanesville, Ohio, by whom he had four sons and one daughter. Mrs. Brown died several years prior to the death of her husband, who at his death left an estate worth $150,000. The subject of this sketch received his early educational advantages in Oakland, and attended the Williston Seminary in Massachusetts. His first business venture was in partnership with his brother, Fred F. Brown, in a fruit and vineyard ranch near Windsor, Sonoma County. After being there two years and carrying on a system of planting and improving the place, which contained about forty acres of fruit, mostly pears, prunes and plums, and seventy acres in vineyard, Mr. Brown sold out to his brother. He ran for county clerk on the Republican ticket in 1886, and suffered a defeat by Mr. Mulgrew. In December of that year he went to Mexico with a view of engaging in business, but decided not to do so, and returned to Santa Rosa in the early part of 1887. July 15, 1887, he purchased a half interest in the Sonoma County Abstract Bureau, which he still owns. The partners have invested nearly $25,000 in the enterprise and value it worth much more. Mr. Brown was married in San Jose, May 7, 1887, to Miss E. F. Worster, who is also a native of California. He has erected this year (1888) an elegant residence, in the Ludwig addition, costing with furnishing $17,000. Mr. Brown is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

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HOLMAN TALBOT.—Among the prominent residents of Bennett Valley, and the representative farmers of that section of Sonoma County, is the subject of this sketch. He was born May 10, 1835, in Adams County, Illinois. His father, Coleman Talbot (a sketch of whom appears in this volume) is a native of

Kentucky, and his mother, Drusilla (Bowles) Talbot, was also born in Kentucky. In 1830 his father moved to Adams County, Illinois. There the subject of this sketch was reared to farm life until 1852. In that year his father moved across the plains to California and settled in Sonoma County, locating in Bennett Valley, where he entered upon farming operations. Mr. Talbot was engaged in assisting his father in farming until 1859. In that year he proceeded to Butte County, where he engaged in mining for about eighteen months. He then returned to Bennett Valley and was employed upon his father's farm. January 9, 1865, he married Miss Frances Steel, the daughter of Julius A. and Elizabeth (Norton) Steel, residents of Sebastopol, and early settlers of Sonoma County. Mrs. Talbot was born in Chicago, Illinois, November 1, 1847. Immediately after his marriage Mr. Talbot took up his residence upon a tract of land which he had previously purchased from his father, and commenced its improvement and cultivation. This fine farm is located in Bennett Valley, in the Santa Rosa school district, about six miles from Santa Rosa. This farm contains 250 acres of hill and valley land. Mr. Talbot has made extensive improvements in the cultivation and products of this land during the last twenty years. He has now a magnificent vineyard of fifty acres, forty-two acres of which are devoted to the production of wine grapes of the Zinfandel, Riesling and Mission varieties, and eight acres to table grapes, among which are Rose of Peru, Tokay and Muscat varieties. There is also a fine family orchard, containing a large variety of fruits. The rest of his land is devoted to hay, grain and stock-raising. Among other improvements is a beautiful two-story residence, in which Mr. Talbot has combined all the comforts and conveniences that characterize a well-ordered home. This residence is situated upon the hills, which gives a magnificent and delightful view of miles of the beautiful valley. Mr. Talbot has from young manhood spent his life in Bennett Valley, as well as in a large portion of the county. His straightforward and consistent course of life has gained for him the well merited respect and esteem of his associates. Energetic, liberal and enterprising, he is always a supporter of any enterprise that tends to advance the interest and welfare of the county in which he resides. He is a consistent member of the Christian church. In political matters he is a strong Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Talbot have three children, viz.: Allena, born December 25, 1866; Talitha Augusta, born December 30, 1876, and Lesley, born March 13, 1885. Mr. Talbot is a firm believer in public schools and a strong advocate for thorough and liberal education of the rising generation. His daughter Allena is a graduate of the Santa Rosa Ladies' College, and was married November 21, 1888, to George F. Clark.

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J. R. GIBSON, whose home ranch is in Mendocino Township, is a native of Kentucky, born at a place near the line of Tennessee, February 6, 1818. His early boyhood days were spent in the neighborhood of his birthplace. When in his fourteenth year he accompanied his parents to Jackson County, Missouri, where he grew to manhood, and there was married, August 20, 1839, to Miss Laura Robinson, a native of Kentucky, born in Madison County, and daughter of John R. and Nancy (Cox) Robinson. Her parents were both reared in Kentucky, but her father was an Englishman by birth. When Mrs. Gibson was a girl of less than twelve years, her parents removed from Kentucky to Missouri, where she grew to womanhood. In 1853 Mr. and Mrs. Gibson crossed the plains to California with an ox team, and were six months on the journey. They located in Solano County, where they resided until the fall of 1854. They then came to Sonoma County, and located near Healdsburg. Two years later they removed to a place twenty-five miles west of Sacramento, and afterward to the vicinity of Lakeport, where they resided nearly fifteen years. From there they removed

He was married in San Francisco to Miss Emma Meyer, a native of Germany. She died in this city. His present wife was formerly Friedericke Hahn, a native of Hanover. They have two children—Arnold Frederick and Johann Heinrich. Mr. Schnittger made his start in life since coming to California, and now enjoys a high reputation for integrity.

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JOHN W. WILEY.—No history of Analy Township or of Sonoma County could be considered complete without a mention of the pioneer whose name heads this sketch. Besides his long residence of over thirty-eight years, his connection with, and pioneer efforts in establishing the fruit industry in this county has made his name known throughout the county, but more especially in Analy and Santa Rosa townships. His residence in Green Valley is in one of the finest fruit-growing sections of Sonoma County, if not in the State of California. And he has done more than any other man in the county in establishing this fact. Nearly thirty-five years ago Mr. Wiley entered into fruit cultivation in Green Valley, at a time when it was not considered suitable for anything but agricultural purposes, and he has ever since been the leader in introducing new varieties. The famous Wiley cling peach was propagated by him in 1880. The seed of this peach originally came from Virginia, but it was under his skillful and intelligent cultivation that the present magnificent peach that bears his name has been produced. A brief resume of Mr. Wiley's life herewith given is of interest. He was born in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, November 5, 1830. His father, Levi Wiley, was a native of Pennsylvania, and was one of the early pioneers of Ohio. He located at what is now the flourishing city of Columbus and the capital of a great State, when it was only a wilderness, and he was there engaged in constructing the first house ever built in that place. He lived to be over 100 years of age, dying in 1878. Mr. Wiley's mother was a Miss Elizabeth Legg, a native of Virginia, who married his father in Ohio. The subject of this sketch was reared upon his father's farm until fourteen years of age, his schooling facilities during this time being merely nominal. At that early age Mr. Wiley displayed the characteristic energy and ambition that have carried him successfully through so many trials in after life. He purchased his time from his father, paying $100 per year until he reached the age of twenty-one. He commenced life upon his own account by farm labor and other occupations, and despite being hampered by paying for his time, before reaching the age of nineteen years was the owner of a farm. Mr. Wiley made three trips to the West, first in 1848, when he went to Santa Fe, and second to Chihuahua in 1849. Then came the gold fever of 1849, and it struck Mr. Wiley with its full force, and as soon as he could arrange his affairs he started in the spring of 1850, for the new El Dorado. Young, active and ambitious, he started, across the plains, securing the only occupation available, and that was the driving of an ox team. The trip was one of toil and hardship for him at least, for of the hundreds of miles of this journey he walked and drove an ox team all but eighteen miles. He arrived at Placerville August 20, 1850, and immediately commenced mining operations, but he was broken in health, and after four weeks' trial was compelled to abandon the search for wealth in that occupation. That same fall he came to Sonoma County and located in Green Valley. Here he purchased from I. W. Sullivan 222 acres of land in what is now the Green Valley school district, six miles northwest of Sebastopol. In 1858 he sold 150 acres of this land to Isaiah Thomas, retaining the rest, upon which he has since devoted himself to clearing and cultivating, until now he has one of the finest farms in the valley. His orchard contains sixteen acres, eleven of which are in peaches, a fruit which, as before stated, Mr. Wiley has devoted years in perfecting. The rest of his

orchard contains varieties of nearly all fruits grown in Green Valley. Ten acres are in Zinfandel wine grapes, fifteen acres contain a large variety of the most approved and productive table grapes, and the rest of his farm is devoted to hay, grain, and stock purposes, except such lands as are producing corn, potatoes, etc. Mr. Wiley is also the owner of forty acres of valuable timber land two miles west of his home farm. In 1849, while driving a government team Mr. Wiley was shot by an Indian with a poisoned arrow. In 1866 a saw-log rolling on him broke seven ribs in his left side, three in his right side and his collar bone. In 1883 he again received severe injuries by the gin pole of a pile driver falling on and crushing his right foot, and in 1886 his right leg was broken by being run over with his wagon which was loaded with oats. Again in 1887, when jumping from his wagon he fell on his right arm, breaking it. Mr. Wiley is an enthusiast over the future prospects of the beautiful valley in which he lives, and is ever ready to aid in all movements that tend to advance its interests and the welfare of the community. He is a member of Sebastopol Lodge, No. 161, I. O. O. F. Always taking a deep interest in his district, he has served for some time as one of the school trustees, and also as road master. In 1855 Mr. Wiley was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Ann White, a native of Chicago, Illinois. She is the step-daughter of J. A. Steel, of Sonoma County. From this marriage there are nine children living, viz: Lewella A., wife of Victor Piezzi, resident of Sonoma County; John M., who married Miss Hattie Parmeter; Elizabeth, wife of S. M. Thomas, of Sonoma County; William N., Laura M., Lillie Arria, Minnie H., Warren D. and James Earle.

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OWEN McCHRISTIAN was born in Rochester, New York, in 1840, and has spent nearly all his life in California. His parents, Patrick and Mary (Church) McChristian, came across the plains to California in 1845. His father was a native of Down County, Ireland, and when but fifteen years of age emigrated to the United States, and located in Rochester, New York, where he grew to man's estate, and married. After his marriage, in 1831, he moved to Perry County, Ohio, remaining there until 1843. He then moved to Missouri and settled in Andrew County, and in 1845 came to California. He located in Napa County, where he remained until 1848, when he came to Sonoma County, and settled in Green Valley. He purchased 482 acres of land from Jasper O'Farrell, upon which he resided until his death. The subject of this sketch was reared upon his father's farm until the age of twelve years. At this early age he started out in life upon his own account,and engaged in herding stock and other farm labor. He continued this occupation in Sonoma and adjoining counties until 1862. In this year, during the Salmon River mining excitement, he took a band of twenty-five horses, with saddle equipments, to Oregon, and established a saddle train for the transportation of travelers from the Dalles to the John Day River and Salmon River mines. After conducting this enterprise for some months, he disposed of his train, and engaged in mining, which he followed for about three years. He then returned to Sonoma County, and engaged in stock-raising at Cloverdale, after which he went to Eureka, Humboldt County, and was extensively engaged in the same business until 1872. In that year he took a band of 420 horses across the plains to Omaha, being five months on the route. Disposing of a portion of them at that point, he took the rest as far east as Illinois, then went to Connecticut, where he spent the winter. In 1873 returned to Sonoma County, and settled on a portion of the old homestead in Green Valley. In 1874 he married Miss Susie Smith, the daughter of Hezekiah Smith, of Iowa. She came to California in 1873. Since 1873 Mr. McChristian has devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising. He is the owner of a

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The material concerning Ashbel Steele (he is never referred to as Julius Ashible Steele) in our library is both fragmentary and scattered. Several paragraphs from Caroline Kirkland's Chicago Yesterdays....(Chicago, Daughaday and Company, 1919), p. 3-4 are quoted below:

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> The same writer describes an afternoon walk between Clybourne's house and Huntoon's sawmill, both on the northwest side of the city, when he came upon the bodies of two dead Indians. One corpse was wrapped up and laid in the branches of a tree. The other was placed in a fenced-in inclosure, facing eastward, in a sitting posture, his back against a tree, his pipes by his side, his gun across the lifeless knees. Mr. Steele didn't know that this strange apparition was the body of an Indian chief, Big Thunder, who had requested to be so placed after death, saying:--
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> "Out of the East shall come great danger to my people, When it comes I will arise and lead my braves to victory." There is no record of the time when this strange spectacle disappeared from that part of the country.
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> On this same stroll Mr. Steele describes what he calls "Indian ladders," which were used to climb to the tops of trees for racoons and wild honey. As much as two hundred pounds of honey was taken at a time from one tree.

The above seems to indicate that the Steele papers contain much interesting material on the family. Unfortunately, such a collection cannot be located in this library; and no record that it ever was here has been found.

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Mrs. Elizabeth (Norton) Steele became one of the first women to receive a license from the state of California to practise medicine.

Julius Augustus Steele and Elizabeth (Norton) Steele had issue:

1. Clarence Steele b.10-18-1854 in Sonoma County, California near the Valley of the Moon. m. Esther Kirkpatrick-Pioneers to Del Norte.
2. Emma Steele. m. Rev. Willis (methodist minister)
3. Frances Steele, m. Holman Talbot, had: Lena and Gussie Talbot.
4. Julius Steele, b-5-24-1859, m. Ashley (relative of Tryon)
5. Julia Steele b-5-24-1859, m. Frank Willets
6. Dowe Steele, b-1852, first white child born in Humboldt Sink. Had son Roy Steele of Sebastopol, Calif.

[Copied from letter written to CHS by Mrs. Esther Ruth Smith of French Hill, Gasquet, Calif., June 12, 1951. She is writing a history of Del Norte County, Calif.]

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The following bits of information may be of value in collecting the history of the Steele family:

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1. Ashbel Steele was sheriff of Cook County from 1840 to 1842. [A. T. Andreas, History of Cook County Illinois, A. T. Andreas, publisher, Chicago, 1884, p. 352.]

2. An advertisement in the Chicago Democrat of Jan. 7, 1834 states that A. Steele is the landlord of the Eagle Hotel. By April of that year the hotel was being run by P. I. Carli. [Henry H. Hurlbut, Chicago Antiquities....Chicago, 1881, p. 509, 521.] A letter in our manuscript department from Edmund Kimberly to Peter Pruyne, dated April 2, 1834, the following comment is found: "Steele has sold out his lease of tavern stand to Carli & Shrigley for $375."

3. Steele is listed as a mason builder in the Chicago Directory for 1839. He is not included in the next Directory which is for the year 1843.

4. Steele plastered John Calhoun's printing office in November of 1833. Calhoun was the editor of Chicago's first newspaper. [A. T. Andreas, History of Chicago....Chicago, The A. T. Andreas Company, Publishers, 1886, v.1, p.133.]

5. In August of 1834 Steele was a member of a vigilance committee to guard against a cholera epidemic which threatened Chicago. [Andreas, History of Chicago, v.1,p.594.]

6. During the presidential election of 1836, Steele was a member of a committee "chosen to attend the polls on election day, for charges of fraudulent voting were not unknown." [Bessie

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Louise Pierce, A History of Chicago, New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1940, v.1, p. 375.]

7. In an anecdote of the first and last bear killed in Chicago, October 6, 1834, Steele is credited with taking the first shot at the bear. He missed and was obliged to climb the nearest tree. [Hurlbut, Chicago Antiquities, p. 277-279.]

8. Steele distinguished himself at the ground breaking ceremonies of the Illinois and Michigan Canal on July 4, 1836 as the leader in a group that subdued a rowdy party of Irishmen. [Edwin O. Gale, Reminiscences of Early Chicago and Vicinity, Chicago, Fleming H. Revell Company, 1902, p. 315-317.] I was unable to verify the statement that Steele assisted in building the canal.

9. Ashbel Steele was the pioneer resident of River Forest and the history of this suburb should be consulted; for example the River Forest Optimist, May 29, 1936, contains quite a lot of references to Steele in the article called "A History of Our Village." qF37Y. R52R51.

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great love was art, but he had his fling at acting at various times from the time he was sixteen. He excelled in character roles. »

The stage career of Mrs. Edgar Keller was intermittent as she considered that her main business was to help promote her husband's career.

KIRKPATRICK

John M. Kirkpatrick, friend of Kit Carson, and a pioneer to Jacksonville, Oregon Territory, before 1851. He was born 12-6-1825 at Brush Creek, Adams County, Ohio, and was a son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Zumalt) Kirkpatrick. His father was of Scotch-Irish descent and was born 5-9-1793. Other children in this family were: Alfred, Andrew, Milton, Jacob, Samuel, and Mary Ann Kirkpatrick. *The Centennial History of Oregon* and *Pioneer History of Coos and Curry Counties* in Oregon give a long narrative of Captain John M. Kirkpatrick, as well as a picture.

After making a fortune in the mines in Oregon and California, Captain John Kirkpatrick returned east to marry Rebecca Coplantz, daughter of Peter and Esther Coplantz. Rebecca was born 9-5-1835 at Brush Creek, Adams County, Ohio. After returning west, Captain Kirkpatrick again settled in Pendleton and Jacksonville, Oregon, before coming to Del Norte County in 1876. They first lived at Low Divide and later moved to the Peacock ranch. Their children were: Albert b. 2-20-1858, never m.; Jefferson b. 7-27-1859; Esther b. 12-11-1860 m. Clarence Steele; Charles b. 9-3-1862 m. Edith Smith; Algernon b. 8-24-1866; Orlando b. 11-15-1869 m. Mary Elizabeth Farrier; Frances b. 12-4-1871 m. Alfred Crance; James b. 5-6-1874 never m.; Willis b. 4-7-1878 never m.; Sarah b. 10-15-1880 never m.

LANE

Benjamin Franklin Lane b. 9-4-1805 in New Hampshire, had been a sea captain before he arrived in the town of Smith River to become the partner of James Brooking in a mercantile store. He was married to Harriet Distill who had died in the east. In 1860, he sent for his four young daughters who came from Boston

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8-6-1859 in Del Norte County 8th District and registered as a voter of the county 8-18-1873. His son, Caspar Simon, b. 1846 in Tilseit, Prussia, became a citizen 8-12-1874 of Del Norte County. His occupation was a millman of Crescent City.

SNODGRASS

William Snodgrass and wife, Amanda (Revis) Snodgrass, crossed the plains with their children, Elmira, Eva, Albert King, and William Riley. The family had lived in Bond County, Illinois, in 1843 and, in 1854, moved to Minnesota, thence to Fort Scott, Kansas, in 1857. In the spring of 1860, the Snodgrass family joined a covered wagon train led by Captain Deylano, in which there were thirty-three wagons and sixty persons. The party had some narrow escapes from the Indians, and some were ill with mountain fever, but none were killed or died en route. In southeastern Oregon, the caravan was followed by a band of Indians but was able to drive them off after Mr. Lockwood, a member of the caravan, fired at the Indians. William Riley Snodgrass b. 8-12-1843 in Bond County, Illinois, m. 1875 Mary Elizabeth Forgey, daughter of William and Hannah (Michael) Forgey. William Riley Snodgrass was a stage driver and mail carrier. He resided at Harbor, Oregon, and made daily trips from there to Smith River. His children were: Albert b. 1876, drowned in Chetco River; Bertha b. 9-15-1877 m. Nathaniel Moore; Hannah b. 5-24-1883 m. John G. Smith, auditor and recorder of Del Norte; Herman b. 5-24-1895 m. Grace McCall.

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The fence around the home of Julius Ashbel Steele in Chicago was made of rails that had been split by Abraham Lincoln. Other references for Ashbel Steele are: Pierce's *History of Chicago,* Hurlbut's *Chicago Antiquities,* Gale's *Reminiscences of Early Chicago and Vicinity.*

In the early days of the gold rush to California, Julius Augustus Steele left his home in Chicago and came west to settle first in Sonoma County before coming to Del Norte County. His wife was formerly Mrs. Elizabeth (Norton) White, a widow with one daughter, Lucy, who married John Wiley in Sonoma County. Lucy kept a diary. Mrs. Elizabeth (Norton) Steele was the first woman doctor of Sonoma County and one of the first women to receive a license from the State of California to practice medicine. The Steele children were: Dow b. 1852 en route west; Clarence b. 1854 in Sonoma County m. 1878 in Del Norte County, Esther Kirkpatrick; Emma m. Rev. Willis; Frances m. Holman Talbot; Julius and Julia b. 5-24-1859, first twins born in Sonoma County; Erasmus m. Sara Elizabeth Winton.

STONE

Stone Lagoon, early landmark of Klamath County, now in Humboldt County, received its name from William Stone, early resident of that location. He was born 1813 in Massachusetts and came to Crescent City in February 1869. After sending for his

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  Father: Ashabel STEELE                  Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut
  Mother: Rachel SKINNER

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  Father: Ashabel STEELE                  , Hartford, Connecticut        P#: 362
  Mother: Rachel SKINNER STEELE                                          O#: 14560

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  Father: Ashabel STEELE                  , Hartford, Connecticut        P#: 362
  Mother: Rachel SKINNER STEELE                                          O#: 14560

Ashbel Smith <STEEL> (<M>)............ B: 7 Dec 1804                     F#: 1239638      @
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  Mother: Elizabeth WILLS STEEL                                          O#: 15266

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  Father: John STEELE                     , Of Rochester, New York
  Mother: Abigail Ann BAILEY

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  Father: John STEELE                     , Of Rochester, New York
  Mother: Abigail Ann BAILEY

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  Mother: Elizabeth NORTON
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  Mother: Ruth WHEELER
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MODESTO, CALIF.

FAMILY OF: STEELE

ARMS: Argent, a bend chequy sable and ermine between two lions' heads erased gules, a chief azure.

CREST: Out of a DUCAL CORONET or, a demi-ostrich, wings endorsed gules.

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AUTHORITY: Burke's "General Armory", 1878 edition, page 967.
Matthews' "American Armory", 1906 edition, page 71.

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared George C. Marin of the firm of Martin & Allardyce of P.O.Box 6126, Harlandale Station, in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, who took oath that the insignia above described appears in the published heraldic authorities above mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 18th day of November, A.D. 1953 (1953).

Mary M. Potter
Notary Public in and for Bexar County,
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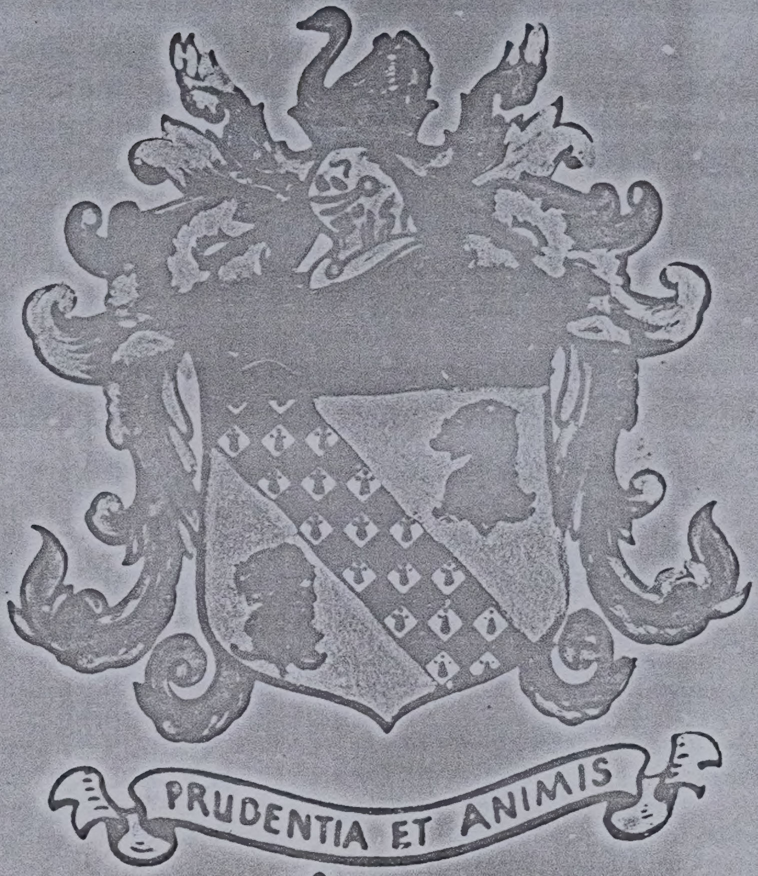
EWA NOTE: Family tradition is that we are descended from GEORGE who, with his brother John Steele came to America in 1630. In May, 1634 took Oath of Freemen in the Colonies(See Vol. III, New England Genea. and Hist. REGISTER.)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Antecedents of Julius Augustus Steele

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JULIUS AUGUSTUS STEELE --- ELIZABETH (NORTON) STEELE LINE.

Data gathered by their Grandaughter Blanche Willis Allen.

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My grandfather "J.A." Steele was b. ca 1822 in Syracuse, N.Y. to Ashbel (7842f) Steele (See "Descendants Governor Bradford" p377) and Ashbel's first wife Mary (or Martha) Clarke. He grew up around Chicago (see accompanying stories) and in Chicago, about 1845 he married Elizabeth Norton, widow of Sylvester White, and by him having one small daughter, Lucy. Elizabeth (Norton) Steele was born Jan. 31st, 1823, in Canada at the Old NORTON Homestead near London. Her mother was Elizabeth (Burhart) Norton, a daughter of an Eliz. Behr who married a Burhart. (Eliz. (Burhart) Norton b.1791d.1876) Elizabeth (Norton) Steeles paternal grandfather Daniel Norton did service in the Revy. War. Elizabeth's parents lived in the territory below what is now the Canadian-U.S. border, but her grandmother was a "doctress" and Elizabeth (Burhart) Norton, for her baby deliveries crossed the border to her Mother-in-law.

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Below is a letter I received June 27th,1955 from Edw.P.Benjamin whose address is 1812 21st Ave., Melrose Park, Ill. He is Secretary for a Historical Society in Maywood, Ill. His name was sent me by Mrs. Mary Byram, who is employed by the Inst. of Am. Genea, of So. Dearborn Stzeet, Chicago, Ill. I have been about ten years trying to learn where my great grandfather Ashbel Steele was buried. This is the answer. Blanche Willis Allen...Rt. 2, #749,Modesto,Calif.

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My dear Mrs. Allen: There are several Benjamins here-about and your letter had a hard trip. I am sorry to rept. that we do not have any material re Ashbel Steele in our files.......There is a famous Lib. in Chicago for genealogical material..The Newberry Lib.,60 W.Walton,Chicago.

Our only reference reads:Ashbel Steele, Sheriff of Cook Co., Term expired 1843. Retired to his farm in Proviso Township. (Illinois)

I called up a Sidney j. Steele, of 1139 Lathrop Av.,River Forest, Ill. and learned that there were two Ashbels: his grandfather, and his father. His grandfather Ashbel was first buried in a family plot on his tract of land which was on the East bank of the Desplains river, adjacent to River Forest. Later when the wooded part was sold to the Forest Reserve his remains were removed to the family lot in Sec. 1, Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Ill. By the time Sidney Steele's father Ashbel (jr) had passed away the area had settled enough to warrant a public Cemetery. The Steele Plot is marked by a large, old style monument, bearing the Legend STEELE.

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Norton is a familiar name here too...Ed Norton lived in Maywood. He and his brother manufactured tin cans. Sidney Steele was connected with them. They had a large plant called the Am. Can Co., but later they split and founded the Continental Can Company.

I would like to present the material you sent me to our Hist. Soc. I have directed you to some of your "folks" and you may continue your inquiries with them, if you wish.

Yours very truly,
Edward P. Benjamin.

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Our Grandmother, Elizabeth (Norton) Steele, daughter in law to Sheriff Ashbel...was married in Chicago to Grandfather..Julius Augustus Steele. Grandmother had a brother Ed Norton, and I believe an Uncle Ed Norton. The Continental Can Ed Norton above was doubtless some of her family. I have pictures of Ed Norton, and his uncle John Norton..(Grandmother's uncle also) They looked exactly alike..and really handsome men...behind their beards. BWA

Report by Blanche Willis Allen..July 22nd, 1955.

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The ensuing article, recently received by me (B.W.A.) from Sidney J. Steele of 1139, Lathrop Avenue, River Forest, Ill. is taken from a newspaper: River Forest Leaves and Oak Park Digest, Vol. XXIX..no. 21 May 21st, 1936. The story was occasioned by a Centennary Celebration honoring early settlers of that community, and especially that of my Great Grandfather ASHBEL STEELE, early coroner, sheriff and canal builder of nearby Chicago, Ill. A letter accompanying the newspapers said:"Ashbel Steele was my Grandfather. He was born in 1794 and died in 1861. His wife, Harriett Rawley Steele was born in 1809 and died in 1895. Both were buried first in the Steele burial plot on the old homestead; then when the land was sold to the Forest Preserves, they were moved to Forest Home Cemetary, in Forest Park, Ill. Most of the smaller headstones had gone to pieces, for the only headstone moved was Ashbel Steeles, and on that the inscription is about worn off. My Fathers name (continues Sidney J. Steele) was Ashbel John Steele. He was born in 1850 and died in 1915."

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By Emma L. Robinson.....

That the Steeles were born Pioneers needs but a glance back over the centuries for confirmation. The first to adventure to the new world were George and John Steele, born in Essex, England. They were the sons of William Steele, English Baron, and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. With a grant of land from the English Crown, they arrived in 1631, settling first in Cambridge, Mass. A few years later George moved to Hartford, Conn. where he is listed as a proprietor of lands in 1639.

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From there they went to Derby, Conn., near which they built a home, shops and a mill on Steele's Creek. It was in this home that our Ashbel was born in 1794. Ashbell' Steele's Grandfather was Captain BRADFORD STEELE of the Revolutionary War; his father was Captain Ashbel Bradford Steele. His mother was Eunice Thompson, sister of Colonel Thompson, Commander of George Washington's body-guard and every male member of the Steele family old enough to carry a gun fought for Liberty in the Revolutionary War. When Ashbel grew to manhood he was associated with his father in the milling and building industry.

(Note by B.W.A. Mrs. Robinson may not kave known this, but about 1821 or 1822 Ashbel Steele married Mary (or Martha) Clark or Clarke, of Syracuse, New York ...Onandaga Co.,....and about 1823 their one child Julius Augustus Steele, our grandfather , was born. His mother died at his birth or soon after. He crossed the plains in 1852, settled in Sonoma Co., California, and D.A.R. Cem tary records indicate he is buried in the Guerneville Cemetary, (p. 54)..his tombstone reading: "J.A. Steele, d. Oct 20, 1876, ae 54 years" Which would make him born about 1822. Now to continue Mrs. Robinson's account.....)

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HISTORICAL SKETCH from RIVER FOREST LEAVES Mrs. Emma L. Robinson...

Concerning ASHBEL STEELE.

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June 3rd, 1936 number of River Forest Leaves; by the editor;

In the year 1836 Ashbel Steele, coroner of Cook Co (Ill.) bought land in what is now River Forest, built a rather pretentious home for that period on the east side of the Desplaines river, bringing his family here to reside. He thus became the first permanent settler in this community, and gave us the right to celebrate our Centennial in 1936.

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The date of the Steele's arrival in Chicago was in the early summer of 1833. There they stayed for three years while a search was made for a fine location(for a home). Mr. Steele built the first brick houses in Chicago and acted as coroner there in 1834.

At long last a location was found..land crossed by a fine river... highlands and lowlands...magnificent untouched forest..meadow-like openings in those woods....A spot...200 feet south of ...the old Chicago stage-~~ma~~ coach road (now no longer existant) westward...decided the location of the house , designed as a combination of home and (temorarily) a general store.

The first River Forest home was generously planned and built with beautiful lumber sawed at the mill on the homestead half a mile away, where the logs were cut.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES...by Mrs. Erma L. Robinson...CONTINUED.

The floors were of hickory, which in the course of years took on a polish like glass.;The first great beams were of oak; the loks and keys hand-made; the exterior of the house clapboards, which were kept whitewashed. Two big fireplaces..one in the living room, the other in the kitchen...defied the cold, and cooked the food. For many years the house hold used home-made candles; later camphene lamps and then oil lamps fo light. Against the entire west side of the house there was built a long wide rustic porch with a smooth level floor..where the family and their friends delighted to dance. The porch columns were bark-covered tree-tru Over the pergola-like open top, wild grapevines spread a charming leafey bower.

On the south wall of the house, but extending beyond toward the east was a large brick cellar with a store room above. The walls of the cellar were sunk four feet under ground level..and the earth banked three feet above ground level. .....Along the south side of this cellar, filled during the winter season with vegetables and apples. Barrels filled with salt pork and corned beef in brine stood at the east end under a small window which was covered in winter..as was also the outside door. Alon the north wall were racks of preserves, jams, jellies, apple-butter, bottled green gooseberries etc. Soewhere was a store of wines for wine was always served to guests, but only on special occasions, to the family. ~~Beneath the pkkkxx preserves were the pickles "put down" in huge stone crocks covered with large stone-china plates and weighted with heavy stones. In this same company, packed in salt, were eggs in large quantities and firkins of butter and lard for Winter use. Above the cellar, a store room(reached by a flight of outside stairs) contained festoons of seed corn, red and yellow; popcorn and in later years..sweet corn.all hu from the rafters. Also hanging there were great bunches of dried herbs. On the floor heaps of nuts..two kinds of hickory..butter nuts and walnuts, were spread to dry.~~

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The woodshed joined the kitchen on the south and provided a covered approach to within a few steps of the pump, which raised delicio ly cold drinking water from the depths of the well. At the west side of kitchen was a large brick-lined cistern, which kept the household copiously supplied with soft water. South from the kitchen was the smokehouse. Here hams were cured ~~which~~ with hickory wood smoke and great slabs of beef were dried. From the ashes accumulated in the smokehouse, lye was leached to make the family supply of soft soap. Near the front of the smokehouse was a great brass kettle..black velvet inside, but like shining gold ouside, used on occasions when large quantities were cooked. Just east of this spot was a fair sized tool house.

In addition to these buildings there was alos a large barn on the back of which large pegs held the heavy harness. There were also bins for grain and sheds for machinery and vehicles. There were also farther away pig pens and chicken houses. Between the tool house and corn cribs were the asparagus beds, two long rows of rhubarb, and a row of horseradish.

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No one thought of calling Ashbel Steele an artist, but certain it is that the products of his brain and hand came forth good-to-use and fine-to-view. When he landscaped the grounds he interplanted with foreign plants so cleverly that they appeared native growth. From hawthorn, wild crabapples, wild plum, washoo and wild gooseberry bushes interlaced with wild grape-vines he contrived two long hedges of great beauty. The roads to the house were curved..and circling a beautiful barberry bush, approached the mounting block, and the front door. The Mounting block was the stump of a giant oak cut to form wide steps to the top of the block.

The graveyard was located on the bank above the brook in a large square of ground. It was surrounded by a black-hawthorne hedge, and a whi picket fence. Beneath a spreading tree, the Steele monument...now in Forest Home Cemetary... stood in the middle of the lot, which gradually became populated with the dead. Little Eunice Ann, who was a 8 month old baby when she arrived in Chicago, died at the age of eight years and was the first to be buried in that peaceful spot.

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Other excerpts from Mrs. Robinsons historical sketches.:

ASHBEL Steele was a slender, lightweight man, about 5ft. ten inches tall, of the "Uncle Sam" type. He was kindly, ~~genereous~~ generous, sympathetic and gifted with a sense of humor. His home was always a center of hospitality. He had little time for reading but managed to keep abreast of the times. His favorite newspaper was the ALBANY JOURNAL (BEA query..ALBANY N.Y.?) which he subscribed to as long as he lived and read aloud , evenings, to his family. His favorite diversion was hunting. His daughters too, especially Frances, loved to hunt with him. (Mrs. Robinson then tells a story of Frances being bitten by a rattlesnake, and her father's saving her by sucking the wound, and applying fresh quail-meat poultices; she relates also his medical skill during a cholera epidemic.

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The old brick school-house now (1936) standing at the northwest corn of Lake St.,(then known as Elgin Road) and Park Avenue was...if not the LAST..at least one of the last buildings erected by ASHBEL STEELE. It wa completed by 1860, and Mr. Steele died in 1861.

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Compare this story with the same story told by another granchild of Sheriff Ashbel Steele..though not so well told...that is Julia Antoinette (Steele) Willets..called by us "Aunt Midge" in papers accompanying this "round-up" of Ashbel Steele and Bradford historical material. Aunt Midge's STORY deals mostly with her father and mother crossing the plains and settling in Sonoma Co. Her father Julius Augustus Steele was Ashbel's son by his first marriage. Blanche Willis Allen

COPY..From Miss Helen M. Bruner, State Historian of Soc. Mayflower Descendts in CALIF..12 Geary St, San Francisco 8, Calif. re FULLER.

"The following is from the History Of King's Co., Nova Scotia, by Arthur Wentworth Hamilton EATON. (1910..pp.668-669)

THE FULLER FAMILY of KING'S CO. is descended from Edward Fuller of the Mayflower and was founded by Nathan (1) Fuller,Sr., (Thomas, John, Samuel,Edward), a Grantee in Horton(Kings Co..N.S.) who was b. in East Haddam, Conn. April 20,1719 and m. Abagail who xxxxxxx d. about 1750. Md (2).......By 1st mg. to Abagail........(whom) had these children:

1. Nathan Jr,, b. Oct 23,1740; like his fa., a grantee in Horton; md. in Horton July 6,1779..Jane Jordan and had ch. the eldest of whom was Abigail, b. Apr. 6,1780.
2. Israel Fuller, b. Mar. 8,1749; m. in Horton Jan 30,1776 to Eunice Williams, and had children: Daniel Fuller, b. May 31, 1777(?); Jedediah Fuller, b. Oct 16,1779.
3. Elihu Fuller, b. Aug 11,1750; m. in Horton ~~xxxxxx~~ 9/23/1774 to Amy Pride. Children: Oliver Fuller, b. in July and d. Aug. 1775; William Fuller b. Mar. 4, 1777;; Margaret Fuller, b. Nov 26,1779; Thomas Fuller b. Jumo 23, 1782; Elihu,b.Sep. 4,1785; Oliver b. Mar 18, 1788; Olive b. Feb. 24,1792.

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NOW, continuing Miss Bruner's report:

The AMOS FULLER who was one of a committee sent from Conn to view the MINAS lands was probably a son of Benjamin of Lebanon, Conn. b. 4/3/1721; md 1stat Hebron Conn,in his 20th yr. Margaret Phelps; md 2nd Mary Taylor. That he rec'd a grant in Horton, we KNOW;whether he settled there or not...we do not know. Whether NOAH FULLER who m. in Horton on Nov.6,1777 Elizabeth Bishop was Noah, the GRANTEE ...or whose son he was, we do not know. It is HOPED that the Incpmpleteness of this sketch will stimulate the Fuller familyto compile a better genealogy.

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"An important representative of the Fuller Fam. today is James Newman Fuller,M.D. of Wolfville(BWA: Near Kentville, Kings Co., N.S.) who m. Oct. 1870 Lucillia Harris and has children.

On p. 127 of above Eaton book..under "Kentville" the Shire Town;;;
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If this seems silly detail to some of you...it AINT!! I have had help on Fuller chasing from a Mrs. Wootten in New York...who has Fullers in her fam...and who will receive one of these copies..and one or two other Fuller descendants who have made suggestions.. My BIGGEST HOPE NOW is from you'gals Aunt Alice Maud Bosher. The DeWolf tie in..a the title of the Book..pg .1, "The Fuller Fam. of Kings Co.," makes me pretty sure, that Alice can have her prayer answered in the affirmative which was "I dont care whether my ancestors fought in the Revolution or not...JUST GET ME OFF THE MAYFLOWER!"...BWA

KEEP MOVING, Alice...You're crowding the GANGPLANK!

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MARCH 2000

Our thanks go to...

THE NEARLY 70 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO JOINED THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S CENTURY CLUB. LOCAL CRAFTSMAN MARTY HACKL IS WORKING ON A SUITABLE PLAQUE FOR THE CENTURY CLUB; MARTY DESIGNED AND BUILT THE SHOWCASE FOR THE LOWY DOLL COLLECTION. THE CENTURY CLUB PLAQUE WILL BE UNVEILED THIS SPRING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

THANKS ALSO TO MARC MARTINEZ AND SUSAN PRICE, WHO GENEROUSLY OPENED THEIR LANDMARK HOME ON ST. VALENTINE'S DAY WEEKEND. THE SOCIETY RAISED $2,500 FOR OUR OPERATING SUPPORT! WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH FRIENDS!

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Centennial Plans Celebrate Oak Park Heritage

The Historical Society is developing a master plan to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Village of Oak Park in 2001-02. Our mission makes us the natural organization to take the lead in this effort, and we want representation from every segment of the community. We are seeking interested individuals to serve on a Centennial Steering Committee that will coordinate the many aspects of the celebration. Also needed are volunteers interested in working on specific aspects of the celebration.

The Historical Society has proposed several key initiatives to Village officials:

◆ **Development of a Comprehensive History Exhibit**

Visitors to Oak Park, school children studying local history, and newcomers who invest in the community currently have no way to experience the overall richness of our unique history. Although world-renowned architecture has long proven to be the area's major attraction, many visitors frequently inquire about what sort of community nurtured such greatness in people and the built environment. Local residents also are curious about how their community developed and grew.

◆ **Marking of Historic Sites**

The Historical Society, with input from the community, will mark several historic sites that are no longer standing or have changed greatly in appearance through the decades. A self-guided walking tour and map will be produced by the Historical Society in 2001 or 2002 and the Historical Society will provide scheduled, guided tours from April to October to see and understand these spots where "history happened."

◆ **Progress on Creation of a Heritage Center**

The Historical Society will use the milestone of the Centennial of the Village of Oak Park to continue to explore the concept of creating a Heritage Center. The Center would house the Historical Society's collection, museum, and research center, with room to include rich history from many individuals and organizations. We will continue our search for a new home and a better location to pursue our central mission of community service.

To get involved in the planning, please call the office at 848-6755. ❖

Recent Donations Enhance Society Collection

When Bob James of W.R. James Realty led his long-time family firm into a merger with Coldwell Banker-Sprafka early in 2000, he didn't forget the importance of history as he entered this new chapter. He gave an important slice of local history to the Historical Society to be accessible to researchers. Specifically, he donated a 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, a bound paper volume of the 1924 *Oak Parker* newspaper, and two file cabinets of Multiple Listing Service real estate listings from the 1950s-90s, organized by address. The latter items have already been well-used!

Waring Jones of Minnesota so enjoyed his visit this summer to the Historical Society's exhibit *Tarzan, Mars, and the Fertile Mind of Edgar Rice Burroughs*, he donated 48 first editions and early editions of Burroughs' novels. These colorfully illustrated and valuable books will be on display soon at the Historical Society.

Thank you to these two generous individuals and all who add to our collection. ❖

More Membership Renewals

LAST ISSUE, WE WELCOMED SOME OF OUR NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS. HERE ARE OTHERS WHOSE ONGOING SUPPORT IS VITAL TO OUR ORGANIZATION. IF YOUR NAME ISN'T AMONG THEM, PLEASE WATCH FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!

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Share your memories with the Historical Society

By President Jan Dressel

How many of you enjoyed, as I did, the news stories late in 1999 that attempted to put the century in perspective? I especially enjoyed the letters-to-the-editor section in the *Chicago Tribune,* which ran several letters written by people recalling their favorite memories of the century.

One particular letter, written by Fred Brandt of Marengo, IL, caught my eye because it referenced Russell's Barbeque, Strickland's Grocery, and living in the forest preserves that border River Forest. I had to find out more about the stories he was hinting at!

I reached Mr. Brandt by phone and he described living in the forest preserves with his family during the Depression and working with his brothers at Strickland's Grocery on Marion Street in Oak Park. We promised to exchange information. I sent him information about the "lost subdivision of Edgewater" west of River Forest. He promised to send me some information and to ask his brothers to also share their stories and photos. Enjoy a selection of his memories below.

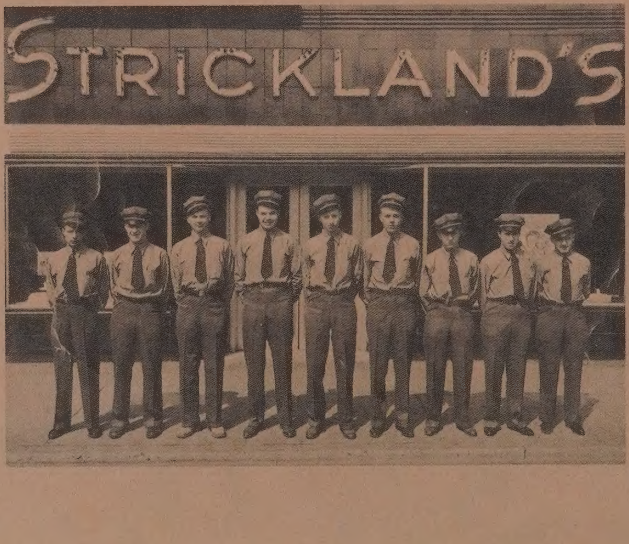
How many of you have memories like this that you would like to share with your fellow members of the Historical Society, as Mr. Brandt and Grace Olson do in this issue? I would like to include more of *your* stories, especially as we get ready to celebrate the Centennial of Oak Park in 2001-02. Let us hear from you. ❖

River Forest Memories

by Fred Brandt

As we lived in the middle of the forest preserves, my father worked for the County as the "game warden." He was supposed to watch that the animals were left alone and there was no hunting. But in those days, food and money were always scarce. Our landlord lived where the Thatcher Woods Trailside Museum is on Chicago Avenue. I remember being pulled in a wagon by my older brother with my mother to pay the rent. We lived in a five-bedroom, two-story house and the rent was $10, which was a lot of money in the 1930s. There were two girls and six boys, and sometimes my Dad had problems feeding all of us.

We had to move in 1933 because the county was going to tear down the homes. Mr. Strickland came to our rescue and let us rent a house from him. My older brother Arvid was working for him, and soon my brother Ralph started. I began after I entered high school at Proviso in Maywood. We worked six days. The drivers worked eight to ten hours a day and made $21 a week. Arvid parked, gassed, and took care of the trucks, so he got $28 a week. I worked on the truck with Ralph, filled orders in the back of the store, and made $1.50 on Saturdays and $2.50 for five days after school. My younger brother started at Stricklands when he entered high school, and was still there when I entered the Army in 1943. ❖



THE STRICKLAND DRIVERS. ARVID BRANDT IS THE SECOND FROM LEFT AND RALPH BRANDT IS FIFTH FROM LEFT. UNIFORMS WERE MANDATORY.

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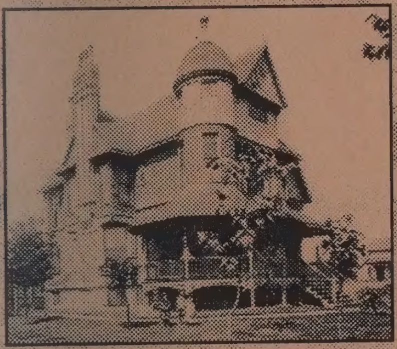

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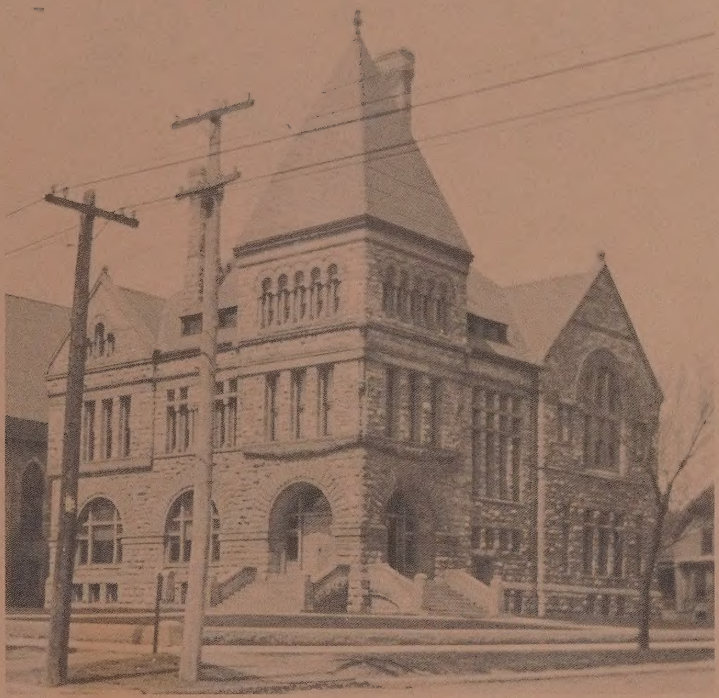
This month, voters in Oak Park are voting on a referendum to build a brand new library at the northwest corner of Lake and Kenilworth; if it passes it will be the third library at that corner. Here's one person's fond memories of the first library.

The Scoville Institute: Memories of Oak Park's first library

By Grace Olson



When I was a child, it was such joy to dash over the lawn of First Congregational Church, and to test myself, to walk toes-out on the slanting cement borders of the lawns, and finally to walk up the steps of the Scoville Institute. The steps were already worn at the center by other feet before mine. Mr. Scoville had a notion that his institute would dispense knowledge and be a cultural center. It was, Mr. Scoville. It is.

It dispensed a few other ideas besides those found in books. But when I was a child, I didn't know this. All I knew was that if I went to the library, I might be able to read some of the books that Miss Ayres, the librarian, had described to us on one of her periodic visits to our grade school (Mann School).

In old pictures of the Scoville Institute, you can see the large windows that faced Lake Street. These windows harbored seats in the Children's Section, and were much-prized. They had comfortable plush cushions, and we could sit there for hours, reading and dreaming, and no one disturbed us. However, we were not allowed to take more than two or three books home. I think now that librarians feared finding library books with peanut butter sandwiches or candy bars used as bookmarks. When we were lucky enough to take out books, I remember vividly the seal on the cover. The label was yellow, and there was a stick figure who pronounced: "Wash your hands before you read me, and keep me clean." Of course, most of us did so, and some of us didn't.

When we graduated to the adult section of the library, we were not urged to "wash our hands." There we could find most of what we wanted to read and were not limited to our two or three books. However, we were not allowed free access to "racy" books, which were kept in the basement. I think those books might have included Hemingway's works, with the covers turned inside out. Few scientific books that contained references to "sex" or "anatomy" were on the regular shelves.

At this early date in our lives, we did not care much about what was hidden in the basement. Instead, we indulged our teen-age spirits in the reference room. A tolerant Miss Lewis overlooked a bunch of kids, who giggled and whispered and slid notes across the table. We arrived at the reference room by marching up the stairs past a forbidding painting of James Scoville on the landing. But I don't think we cared about what he would think about our shenanigans. We were just happy to be there. It was, you see, the perfect excuse for leaving the house. Those splendid and kind-hearted librarians put up with our slyness and silliness and in turn gave us a love of books.

Later, they also helped us out with research for our term papers. And when we were adults, they supplied all sorts of information for my husband's radio program on WCFL.

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Renewals

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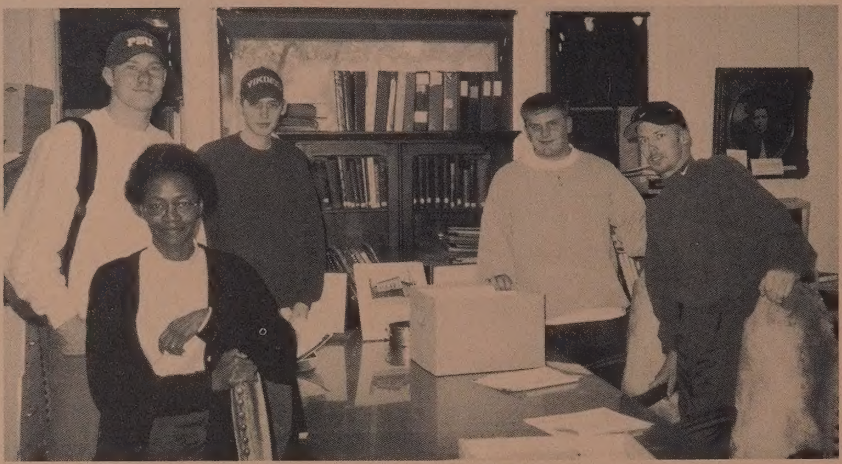

Historical Society volunteer Georgette Sinkler, left, assisted four Concordia University students last fall in a class project to study and organize the Ashbel Steele papers in the Historical Society's collection. Society member Tina Reithmaier was the student's professor for the Public History class.

Memories of Scoville

(Continued from page three)

Today, when I pass the library, I am filled with nostalgia. The modern building and the modern sculpture in front fade from my mind and are replaced by Mr. Scoville's Institute. However, I understand that necessity for more space. I am grateful to those who will enable other children, with books clutched under the arm to love books as we did and do. So, thank you, Mr. Scoville, for myself, my children, and all the rest of us.

Grace Olson, an Elmwood Park resident and 1939 graduate of Oak Park River Forest High School, taught English at her alma mater until her retirement. ❖

Get Well Wishes

Go to Ken Kilner, an award-winning volunteer, board member, and friend of the Historical Society since 1976. Ken has been recovering from surgery in Oak Park Hospital since soon after the New Year. Thoughts and prayers for his recovery are welcomed. ❖

History Tidbits

⇨ A researcher called the Historical Society recently with an unusual request: Just what did local homeowners do in their basements 100 years ago, in the days before rec rooms? Was it work space, storage, or used in some other way? Any ideas?

⇨ The Historical Society hosted the monthly meeting of NEIL, the North Eastern Illinois Historical Council on March 11 at Pleasant Home. The Historical Society showed its museum and research center and made a presentation about its annual cemetery walk. Thank you to board members Jan Dressel, Joe May, Laurel McMahon, Peggy Sinkler, and Joyce Proce, who gave up their Saturday morning for the activity.

⇨ The Society's Education Committee, Laurel McMahon, Toni Moore, and Jan Dressel, developed a new brochure explaining all of the Historical Society's resources accessible by local teachers. Copies were distributed to schools and an Open House for teachers is scheduled for March 21.

⇨ Society President Jan Dressel received the Carl Winters Award from the Oak Park Rotary Club at a March 1 dinner in recognition of her unselfish service to many local organizations, including the Historical Society. Richard Pogvara, of Community Bank of Oak Park/River Forest, was also honored.

⇨ Save the Date! May 25: the Grand Opening event at the old Plaza Hotel, which the adjacent Carleton Hotel has annexed. Watch for more details. ❖

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Dear Frances:

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If we do not receive your membership renewal, we will remove you from our active member roster. While we may occasionally send you a mailing about a particular activity, you will not receive our newsletter and all mailings, and will no longer receive discounts on programs and in our gift shop.

Speaking on behalf of our staff and board of directors, please accept my thanks for your past support. Our shared heritage in our sister villages is so rich and fascinating and we are privileged at the Historical Society to be the caretakers and story tellers of this important history every day of the year!

Sincerely,

Jan

Jan Novak Dressel
Vice President, Membership

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